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DISASTER IN THE DESERT

Virgin's SpaceShipTwo Ripped Apart in Test Flight

The SpaceShipTwo, a rocket plane operated by Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, flies over the Mojave Desert. The vehicle crashed on a test flight on Oct. 31, 2014, killing one pilot and badly injuring another.

(Mark Greenberg/The New York Times)

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MOJAVE, California (AP)**

— A winged spaceship designed to take tourists on excursions beyond Earth's atmosphere exploded during a test flight Friday over the Mojave Desert, killing a pilot in the second fiery setback for commercial space travel in less than a week. Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo blew apart after being released from a carrier aircraft at high

altitude, according to Ken Brown, a photographer who witnessed the explosion. One pilot was found dead inside the spacecraft, which fell from the sky about 120 miles (193 kilometers) north of downtown Los Angeles. Another pilot parachuted out and was flown by helicopter to a hospital, Kern County Sheriff Donny Youngblood. Their names were not released. The crash area is in the desert north of Mojave Air and Space Port, where the test

flight originated. British billionaire Richard Branson, founder of Virgin Galactic, has been the front-runner in the fledgling race to send large numbers of paying civilians beyond the atmosphere to give them the feeling of weightlessness and a spectacular view of Earth below. Branson was flying to Mojave and expected to arrive Saturday, as were investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board. "Space is hard, and today

was a tough day," Virgin Galactic CEO President George Whitesides said. "The future rests in many ways, on hard, hard days like this." The accident occurred just as it seemed space flights were near, after a period of development that lasted far longer than hundreds of prospective passengers had expected. When Virgin Group licensed the technology from Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who funded about \$26

million for SpaceShipOne, Branson envisioned operating flights by 2007. In interviews last month, he talked about the first flight being next spring with his son. "It's a real setback to the idea that lots of people are going to be taking joyrides into the fringes of outer space any time soon," said John Logsdon, retired space policy director at George Washington University.

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Experts: Rocket blast a setback to space tourism



This 2013 photo shows British entrepreneur Richard Branson at the Virgin Galactic hangar at Mojave Air and Space Port in Mojave, Calif. Branson is headed to California's Mojave Desert after a Virgin Galactic space tourism rocket exploded and crashed, killing one person and seriously injuring another.

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"There were a lot of people who believed that the technology to carry people is safely at hand."

Friday's flight marked the 55th for SpaceShipTwo, which was intended to be

SpaceShipTwo was designed to provide a sub-orbital thrill ride into space before returning to Earth as a glider. At 60-feet (18-meters) long, it featured two large windows for each of up to six passengers, one on the side and one over-

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

mid-based fuel — a type of thermoplastic. It had been fueled with a type of rubber called HTPB. Scaled Composites, the company that is building the spaceship for Virgin Galactic, had extensively tested the new fuel formu-

Officials said they had not noticed anything wrong before the flight.

"I detected nothing that appeared abnormal," said Stuart Witt, CEO of the Mojave Air and Space Port.

Virgin Galactic — owned by Branson's Virgin Group and Aabar Investments PJS of Abu Dhabi — sells seats on each prospective journey for \$250,000, with full payment due at the time of booking. The company says that "future astronauts," as it calls customers, have visited Branson's Caribbean home, Necker Island, and gone through G-force training.

Stephen Hawking, Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and Russell Brand are among the celebrities to sign up for flights. Virgin Galactic reports taking deposits totaling more than \$80 million from about 700 people.

A related venture, The Spaceship Co., is responsible for building Virgin Galactic's space vehicles.

During testing for the development of a rocket motor for SpaceShipTwo in July 2007, an explosion at the

oxide — commonly known as laughing gas — which is used in the propulsion system of SpaceShipTwo. The engine was not firing during that test.

Friday's accident was the second this week involving private space flight. On Tuesday, an unmanned commercial supply rocket bound for the International Space Station exploded moments after liftoff from a launch site in Virginia.

Virgin Galactic had planned to launch space tourism flights from the quarter-billion-dollar Spaceport America in New Mexico once it finished developing its rocket ship.

Christine Anderson, executive director of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, did not want to comment on the events unfolding Friday in the California desert or on what effect they might have on Spaceport America and the future of commercial space travel.

Virgin Galactic is in line to be the main tenant at the spaceport that was built specifically to launch paying customers into space, a dream of Branson's. His company has repeatedly pushed back the timetable for when the \$250,000 flights were to begin, pointing to delays in development and testing of the rocket ship.

Taxpayers footed the bill to build the state-of-the-art hangar and runway in a remote stretch of desert in New Mexico as part of a plan devised by Branson and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. Critics have long challenged the state's investment, questioning whether flights would ever get off the ground.

SpaceShipTwo is based on aerospace design maverick Burt Rutan's award-winning SpaceShipOne prototype, which became the first privately financed manned rocket to reach space in 2004.

"It's an enormously sad day for a company," Burt Rutan told The Associated Press in a call from his home in Idaho, where he lives since retiring. □



The SpaceShipTwo (center fuselage) is carried by White Knight Two over the Mojave Desert. The vehicle built by Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic crashed on a test flight on Oct. 31, 2014, killing one pilot and badly injuring another.

the first of a line of craft. But this was only the fourth flight to be powered by a rocket. During the other flights, the craft was either not released from its mother ship or it functioned as a glider.

head. The cause of the accident was not immediately known. One difference on this flight was the type of fuel being used.

In May, Virgin Galactic announced that SpaceShipTwo would switch to a poly-

lation on the ground, President Kevin Mickey said. He said the rocket motor configuration had not changed on this flight and characterized the new fuel as "a small nuance to the design."

Mojave spaceport killed three workers and critically injured three others. A California Division of Occupational Safety and Health report said the blast occurred three seconds after the start of a cold-flow test of nitrous

Death penalty eyed for trooper ambush suspect

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LORDS VALLEY,

Pennsylvania (AP) — A survivalist accused of ambushing two state troopers, killing one and seriously wounding the other, made his first court appearance Friday after he was captured by U.S. marshals near an abandoned airplane hangar, ending a seven-week manhunt that had rattled the nerves of area residents.

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Eric Frein, who meekly gave himself up when surrounded Thursday, authorities said. Hundreds of local, state and federal law officers had taken part in the search. Before onlookers jeered him as he left the courthouse, Frein, 31, listened to charges that he killed Cpl. Bryon Dickson and critically wounded Trooper Alex Douglass in a sniper attack outside their state police barracks Sept. 12. U.S. marshals who took him into custody said he suffered a visible gash on the bridge of his nose and scrape over his left eye while they had him down on the pavement. He did not have a lawyer and was not asked to enter a plea to first-degree murder and other charges, including possession of two pipe bombs discovered during the search. He remained jailed without bail. A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 12.

Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin, who said he would seek the death penalty, told reporters that Frein's capture brought a measure of comfort to the region after an "unimaginable loss of unspeakable proportions." Troopers questioned Frein, but authorities would not disclose what he told them or discuss a possible motive. Authorities have said Frein had expressed anti-law enforcement views online and to people who knew him.

Until his capture, Frein had some people beginning to wonder if law enforcement was up to the task, given the rugged terrain and the

evident skill with which he eluded dogs, thermal-imaging cameras and teams of heavily armed officers. Sporadic sightings of the fugitive kept entire commu-

enforcement, then vanished. In fact, with Frein behind bars, plans for trick-or-treating in Barrett Township were back on, and hunting and trapping were given

The marshals who captured Frein said he had a "defeated" look on his face when they took him into custody. After the marshals turned him over to state

shelter, and he evidently found time to shave — he had a neatly trimmed goatee when he was caught. State police Lt. Col George Bivens put the cost of the



Eric Frein, charged with murder of Pennsylvania State Trooper Cpl. Byron Dickson and critically wounding Trooper Alex Douglass Sept. 10, is taken to prison after a preliminary hearing in Pike County Courthouse on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 in Milford, Pa. (AP Photo/Michael J. Mullen)

nities on edge: A woman claimed to have seen him outside a high school. A local cop spotted a mysterious man in green, prompting an intensive search that came up empty. There were other sightings in which Frein supposedly made himself visible to law

the go-ahead to resume. A team of federal marshals stumbled across Frein during a sweep about 30 miles from the barracks where he allegedly opened fire, authorities said. He had no gun on him, but had weapons stashed in the hangar, state police said.

police, Frein was placed in Dickson's handcuffs and driven in Dickson's squad car to the Blooming Grove barracks. Authorities said they were trying to reconstruct his time on the run. They believe Frein broke into cabins and other places for food and

manhunt at about \$10 million. With the search over, officials began calculating the economic toll to motels, restaurants, shops and other businesses that lost money as tourists avoided the search area and locals stayed home. □



Ray Keen checks the time on a clock atop the Clay County Courthouse in Clay Center, Kan.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

US to change clocks back this weekend

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many people in the United States are getting an extra hour of sleep this weekend, thanks to the annual shift back to standard time.

Officially, the change comes at 2 a.m. (0600GMT) Sunday, but most Americans usually set their clocks back before heading to bed Saturday night. Residents of Hawaii, most of Arizona and some U.S. territories don't have to change; Daylight Saving Time is not observed there.

The change means New York and states in the eastern time zone will be five hours behind Greenwich MeanTime. Many Europeans put their clocks back last weekend.

Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. returns at 2 a.m. local time the second Sunday in March — March 8, 2015. □

Maine judge rejects attempt to isolate nurse

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Associated Press

FORT KENT, Maine (AP)

— A judge gave a nurse who returned to the state of Maine from West Africa the OK to go wherever she pleases, handing state officials a defeat Friday in America's biggest court case yet over how to balance personal liberty, public safety and fear of Ebola's worst outbreak ever.

Kaci Hickox must continue daily monitoring of her health but Judge Charles C. LaVerdiere ruled that there is no need to isolate her or restrict her movements because she has no symptoms and is therefore not contagious.

The judge also decried the "misconceptions, misinformation, bad science and bad information" circulating about the lethal disease in the U.S.

Hickox's quarantine in Maine — and, before that, in New Jersey, upon her

arrival back in the U.S. — led humanitarian groups, the White House and many scientists to warn that automatically quarantining medical workers could discourage volunteers from going to West Africa, where more than 13,500 people have been sickened and nearly 5,000 have died from Ebola.

After the ruling, a state police cruiser that had been posted outside Hickox's home left, and she and her boyfriend stepped outside to thank the judge.

Hickox, 33, called it "a good day" and said her "thoughts, prayers and gratitude" remain with those who are still battling Ebola in West Africa.

She said she had no immediate plans other than to watch a scary movie at home on Halloween in this town of 4,300 people on the remote northern edge of Maine, near the Canadian border.



Nurse Kaci Hickox is accompanied by her boyfriend Ted Wilbur as she speaks to reporters outside their home, Friday, Oct. 31, 2014, in Fort Kent, Maine. A Maine judge gave Hickox the OK to go wherever she pleases, handing state officials a defeat Friday in their bid to restrict her movements as a precaution against Ebola. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

Maine health officials had gone to court on Thursday in an attempt to bar her from crowded public places and require her to stay at least 3 feet (1 me-

ter) from others until the 21-day incubation period for Ebola was up on Nov. 10. She would have been free to jog or go bike riding. But the judge turned the

state down.

Gov. Paul LePage said he disagreed with the ruling but will abide by it. Officials said there are no plans to appeal. □

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\$2.25M for family of Rikers inmate who died in hot cell

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NEW YORK - The family of a homeless veteran who died this year in a searing hot cell at Rikers Island jail complex will receive \$2.25 million from the city of New York in a settlement the comptroller's office announced Friday.

The settlement was made final with unusual swiftness, a reflection of the heightened interest in the case and the extraordinary pressure on the city to improve conditions at Rikers, where brutality and corruption have flourished unchecked for years.

The inmate, Jerome Murdough, died on Feb. 15, when the temperature in his cell in a mental health unit at Rikers exceeded 100 degrees.

The case has come to exemplify the many shortcomings of the city jails and the criminal justice system at large.

"What seems clear is that Rikers Island is broken," Scott M. Stringer, the comptroller, said at a news conference Friday. "A mother lost a son. A city lost a citizen. As friends and family mourn Mr. Murdough's death, we will continue to work and demand improved conditions at Rikers."

Murdough, 56, was arrested a week before his death when a police officer found him in the stairwell of a public housing building in Harlem. He told the officer that he had sought shelter there from the cold. Murdough was charged with trespassing in the second degree, a misdemeanor. A judge set his bail at \$2,500, which he could not pay.

He was put in a cell at Rikers, in a unit reserved for inmates with mental illness. Because of broken heating equipment, temperatures

on his cellblock had been unusually hot for days. Though staff members and inmates complained, nothing was done to fix the problem.

Murdough died seven days after his arrival at Rikers, after, officials said, he was left unattended for hours. The city's medical examiner's office, which ruled his death accidental, said he died of hyperthermia caused by exposure to the heat, which had interacted adversely with antipsychotic medicine he was taking for schizoaffective disorder. In May, Murdough's family announced that it intended to file a wrongful-death suit against the city seeking \$25 million. Alma Murdough, his mother, was not even told of her son's death until weeks later, when a reporter from The Associated Press investigating the case informed her. At the news conference Friday, Alma Murdough looked frail and spoke only briefly. "This is a very awful thing I'm going through, and I hope that no one else will have to ever go through anything like this," she said.

A spokesman for the Correction Department said in an email, "The safety of inmates and staff is our top priority, and we have taken action to ensure that a similar tragedy does not happen again."

This was the second time that Stringer, who took office in January, negotiated a multimillion dollar settlement before a lawsuit was filed - essentially cutting out the Law Department from the process.

In February, Stringer agreed to pay \$6.4 million to David Ranta, who was imprisoned for 23 years after being framed by a rogue detective.



Alma Murdough sits at the announcement of a \$2.25 million settlement over the death of her son in an overheated Rikers Island prison cell, in New York, Oct. 31, 2014. Jerome Murdough, a homeless veteran picked up for trespassing in a public housing stairwell, had been held in a mental health unit where heating equipment malfunctions had gone unaddressed for days.

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California:

Election brings Democrats' divide on education into focus

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In California, one of just 13 states where the schools chief is an elected post, this year's race is unusual: It seems to have drawn more attention from outside the state than inside, because it is seen as a proxy for the national debate over teacher tenure rules, charter schools and other education issues that have divided Democrats.

Indeed, the contest for California superintendent of public instruction has attracted more than \$20 million in campaign contributions, largely because it is viewed as a referendum on the future direction of policy in public schools. And with two Democrats - Tom Torlakson, the incumbent, and Marshall Tuck, the challenger - vying for the office, the race also reflects a national schism within the party.

On the one side are those like Tuck, who say the teachers' unions hold too much sway over the Democratic Party and that public education needs a more entrepreneurial approach. On the other are those like Torlakson, who say the proposed changes, which include the expansion of charter schools and greater use of test scores to evaluate teachers, amount to a corporate takeover of public schools.

"Democrats have been counting on Republicans beating each other up on immigration or social issues," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political analyst at the University of Southern California. "And what we see is the Democratic Party beating up itself on a critical issue in terms of the average voter, which is edu-

cation."

A California Field Poll released Thursday showed the candidates running dead even, each pulling 28 percent of the vote, with 44 percent of voters undecided, seemingly reflecting both the polarization of the race and its relatively low

liances have been scrambled as some teachers' unions have found more common cause with conservatives than with members of their own party. The shifting relationships can be disconcerting. "People who I do not agree with are Democrats," said

a new federal bureaucracy. I'm saying Washington, D.C., shouldn't dictate to California." Most of the controversy in the superintendent's race has stemmed from the candidates' stands on teacher tenure. This year, a judge in California ruled that the

That appeal has resonated with some voters. At a fundraiser last weekend in Hermosa Beach, a wealthy community south of Los Angeles, Ian Dalsemer, 45, the owner of a music company and a residential real estate investor with two daughters in public school, said he



Marshall Tuck, a Democratic candidate for state superintendent, speaks to supporters in Inglewood, Calif., Oct. 22, 2014. California is one of just 13 states where the chief of schools is an elected post, and this year, the state is serving as a proxy battleground for the national debate over teacher tenure, privatization and other issues.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

profile among many state voters.

The California superintendent's race reflects a national divide that has been highlighted by the Obama administration. Under Arne Duncan, the education secretary, the administration has promoted more rigorous academic standards and new teacher evaluations, changes that have drawn pushback from teachers' unions and other Democrats. Traditional al-

Sara Roos, a mother of two students in a public high school in Los Angeles who supports Torlakson. "This is very unsettling for somebody who is a lifelong partisan Democrat."

Torlakson, the union-backed candidate, has expressed views that at times echo conservative mantras. Speaking of California's refusal to mandate the use of test scores in teacher evaluations, Torlakson said: "We took a stand against

state's laws, including those that allow teachers to earn tenure after two years in the classroom and that use seniority to determine layoffs, violate the civil rights of poor and minority children. Tuck, a former charter school executive who managed 17 underperforming schools in Los Angeles for six years, supported the judge's ruling in the case, Vergara v. California, and has called for an overhaul of tenure rules.

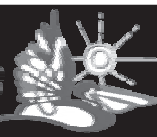
had resolved to vote for Tuck in part because of his views on tenure.

"Tenure is terrible," Dalsemer said. "It protects bad teachers."

Torlakson, who taught biology for eight years at a public high school and spent more than a decade in the state Legislature before being elected to the superintendent's job in 2010, has staunchly supported tenure protections while stumping for office.



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US Financial Front:

American consumer spending down 0.2 %in September

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer cut spending in September for the first time in eight months, as incomes grew at the slowest pace this year. The figures underscore nagging economic soft spots that are expected to ease in the coming months.

Consumer spending slipped 0.2 percent in September, the Commerce Department reported Friday, the weakest performance since an identical decline in January. Income edged up 0.2 percent in September in the smallest monthly gain since a flat reading last December. Shoppers appeared to take a breather after a big spending spree in August, which lifted consumer spending 0.5 percent. Economists say September's downturn shouldn't last, especially amid a strengthening job market and a growing economy.

Spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, has fallen only three times since the recession ended in 2009.

Economists blamed the weak September spending figure on falling energy prices and slower auto sales after a surge the previous month.

Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said he expects consumer spending to accelerate to a 2.5 percent rate in the current October-December quarter, faster than the 1.8 percent spending gain in the third quarter.

"The next couple of months will see spending pick up strongly as people start to spend their windfall from falling gas prices," Shepherdson said.

In September, spending on durable goods such as autos dropped a sizable 2 percent after a 2.1 percent jump in August. Spending on nondurable goods such

as clothing, food and gasoline, was down 0.3 percent, while spending on services such as doctor's

5.9 percent in September. More people working means higher incomes and more fuel to drive con-

aged 4.9 percent in 2013, down from 7.2 percent in 2012. That had been the highest level in nearly two decades as Americans worked to boost savings following the 2007-2009 recession.

Inflation as measured by a gauge tied to consumer spending edged up a slight 0.1 percent in September, with prices up just 1.4 percent over the last 12 months. That is well below the 2 percent target for annual price increases which the Federal Reserve considers an optimal level for inflation.

The government reported Thursday that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at an annual rate of 3.5 percent in the July-September quarter. Analysts believe after five years of sub-par economic growth, the economy has finally accelerated, helped by solid employment growth. □



Customers check out at the new Century 21 Department Store in Philadelphia. The Commerce Department released personal income and spending for September on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

visits and utilities posted a modest 0.2 percent rise. Lower prices at the pump mean consumers will have more to spend on other items.

Another reason for optimism is continued strong job growth, which pushed the unemployment rate down to a six-year low of

sumer spending. The small rise in income and the decline in spending in September resulted in a slight increase in the saving rate.

Savings as a percentage of after-tax income rose to 5.6 percent in September, up from 5.4 percent in August. The saving rate aver-

Gas falling under \$3 nationwide: What to know

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AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The sight is so surprising that Americans are sharing photos of it, along with all those cute Halloween costumes, sweeping vistas and special meals: The gas station sign, with a price of \$2-something a gallon.

"It's stunning what's happening here," says Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "I'm a little bit shocked."

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 33 cents in October, landing Friday at \$3.00, according to AAA. Kloza said the average will fall under \$3 by

early Saturday morning for the first time in four years.

When the national average crossed above \$3 a gallon in December of 2010, drivers weren't sure they'd ever see \$2.99 again. Global demand for oil and gasoline was rising as people in developing countries bought cars by the tens of millions and turmoil was brewing in the oil-rich Middle East.

Now demand isn't rising as fast as expected, drillers have learned to tap vast new sources of oil, particularly in the U.S., and crude continues to flow out of the Middle East.

Seasonal swings and other factors will likely send gas

back over \$3 sooner than drivers would like, but the U.S. is on track for the lowest annual average since 2010 — and the 2015 average is expected to be lower even still.

Trisha Pena of Hermitage, Tennessee, recently paid \$2.57 a gallon to fill up her Honda CRV. Like many around the country these days, she was so surprised and delighted by the price she took a photo and posted it on social media for her friends to see. "I can't remember the last time it cost under \$30 to put 10 or 11 gallons in my tank," she said in an interview. "A month ago it was in the \$3.50 range, and that's

where it had been for a very long time."

Here are a few things to know about cheap gas:

— Crude prices came off the boil. Oil fell from \$107 a barrel in June to near \$81 because there's a lot of supply and weak demand. U.S. output has increased 70 percent since 2008, and supplies from Iraq and Canada have also increased. At the same time, demand is weaker than expected because of a sluggish global economy.

— In the past, a stronger economy in the U.S., the world's biggest consumer of oil and gasoline, typically meant rising fuel demand. No longer. Americans are

driving more efficient vehicles and our driving habits are changing. Michael Sivak of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute calculates that the number of miles travelled per household and gallons of fuel consumed per household peaked in 2004.

— The drop from last year's average of \$3.51 per gallon will save the typical U.S. household about \$50 a month.

— The drop will save the U.S. economy \$187 million a day, and also boost the profits of shippers, airlines, and any company that sends employees out on sales calls or for deliveries. □

American Lifestyles:

Young and terminal: the new face of right-to-die

SHARON COHEN
AP National Writer

Saturday was supposed to be the day that Brittany Maynard killed herself. She still might do it, but her latest message seems to suggest she intends to live, at

least for a while. Regardless, this 29-year-old woman suffering from terminal brain cancer has shared her journey to death with a transfixed world. Some have cheered her, while others have decried her choice and pleaded with her to let nature take its course instead.



Photo shows Brittany Maynard, a 29-year-old terminally ill woman who plans to take her own life under Oregon's death with dignity law. Maynard, who has advanced brain cancer, has said she plans use Oregon's death-with-dignity law to end her own life Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014 though she could still change her mind. (AP Photo/Maynard Family)

Maynard's very public decision has made the right-to-die movement something real and immediate for a generation of millennials too young to have confronted their own mortality. Her youth, candor and simple but moving plans — to die in the Oregon bedroom she shares with her husband — have attracted a global following: A YouTube video has more than 9.3 million views; her fund's website has been visited more than 4 million times, including from such far-flung places as Tajikistan, Iceland, Syria and Burkina Faso. "It's changed every-

thing for us in terms of awareness," says Barbara Coombs Lee, co-author of Oregon's death-with-dignity law and president of Compassion & Choices, which seeks to expand such measures around the nation and has partnered with Maynard. "The general public has sort of an unspoken expectation that this is what old people deal with. Brittany Maynard's situation is so different. She's young, she's vibrant. She could be my daughter. She could be a granddaughter, a neighbor, a school friend." Maynard's right-to-die arguments are not new, but her unfolding tragedy — relayed through tweets, videos and other social media — has broadened the conversation to include more of her peers, says Abraham Schwab, a medical ethicist at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. "She's changed the debate by changing the audience of the debate," he adds. Maynard, who was given six months to live this spring, announced this summer she would die on her own terms with a lethal dose of drugs — permitted un-

der Oregon law — rather than suffer the debilitating effects of her spreading cancer. She'd originally planned to end her life Nov. 1, but supporters said that was always a flexible date. In a video released

Thursday, she suggested she likely will wait. "I still feel good enough and I still have enough joy and I still laugh and smile with my family and friends enough that it doesn't seem like the right time right now," she says in the video released by Compassion & Choices. "But it will come, because I feel myself getting sicker. It's happening each week." Maynard said if Sunday arrives and she's gone, she hopes her family "is still proud of me" but if she's alive "we'll be still be moving forward as a family" and the decision will come later. Noting some people think she doesn't look as sick as she is, Maynard said she's gained more than 25 pounds (11 kilograms) in the last three months with the help of medicine. She also described a "terrifying" set of seizures about a week ago when she looked at her husband, Dan, and couldn't say his

name. Wiping away tears at times, Maynard said it hurts when people criticize her for moving too quickly. "The worst thing that could happen to me is that I wait too long because I'm trying to seize each day but that I somehow have the autonomy taken away from me because of my disease," she said. The video features Maynard, strolling hand-and-hand with her husband in the woods and enjoying an outdoor meal with him and her mother. At one point, she holds up a September 2012 photo of herself as a beaming bride. It's one of many images posted online in recent months, including photos of her and Dan kissing during a recent trip to the Grand Canyon, which she called the last item on her bucket list. While much of the media spotlight — Maynard has appeared on the cover of "People" magazine and been featured in hundreds of news articles — has focused on her age and appearance, her case is also intriguing because she's not following the traditional path of many cancer patients, says Dr. Eric Widera, a palliative care specialist at the University of California-San Francisco. "The typical story that we see is you have this bright, young, pretty person who is dealing with this disease, fighting ... against all odds and then eventually pulling through thanks to technological innovations in medicine, thanks to her willpower, prayer, her family support," he says. Maynard has decided "to focus more on the quality of her life rather than the quantity. ... She's saying, 'I have this. It's not going away and I want to have control over how my life is and honestly how my death plays out.'" Maynard disclosed her intentions when she described how she was diagnosed in January with brain cancer, then given the six-month prognosis in

April. She moved from California to Oregon, which in 1997 became the first state to make it legal for a doctor to prescribe a life-ending drug to a terminally ill patient of sound mind who makes the request. The median age of death for those who have taken their lives under this law is 71. Four other states — Washington, Montana, Vermont and New Mexico — allow patients to seek aid in dying. New Mexico's attorney general is appealing a ruling in his state that allows terminally ill patients to seek a physician's help in ending their lives. Maynard's decision has not been without controversy. Some religious groups and others opposed to physician-assisted suicide have voiced objections, including the American Life League. "There is something that is as fundamentally wrong with her arriving at this decision just as it is for the person who jumps off a roof," says Judie Brown, the group's president. Philip Johnson, a seminararian from the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina, also weighed in online with a more personal take: He was diagnosed with incurable brain cancer in 2008 at age 24. "I do feel for her and understand her difficult situation, but no diagnosis warrants suicide," he wrote. "A diagnosis of terminal cancer uproots one's whole life, and the decision to pursue physician-assisted suicide seeks to grasp at an ounce of control in the midst of turmoil. It is an understandable temptation to take this course of action, but that is all that it is — a temptation to avoid an important reality of life." In her video, Maynard says she'd like her husband, Dan, to someday become a father. She also talks of her own fate. "If all my dreams came true, I would somehow survive this but," she says, reaching for a tissue, "I most likely won't." □

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Russia: Natural gas will flow after Ukraine pays

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia will resume shipping natural gas to Ukraine after Kiev pays off its first debt installment for past supplies of gas next week, officials said Friday. Alexei Miller, chief of Russia's state-controlled Gazprom natural gas giant, made the statement hours after Russia, Ukraine and the European Union thrashed out a \$4.6 billion deal that will guarantee Russian gas supplies to Ukraine and further on to the EU. The deal eased fears that Europe will end up shivering this winter like it did in 2009, when a spat over Ukraine's gas bill prompted Russia to cut off energy supplies to Europe for nearly two weeks.

The leaders of Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine hailed the deal in a conference call Friday as an "important step toward ensuring uninterrupted gas transit to Europe," the Kremlin said.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki also welcomed the deal as a "positive step."

Moscow had cut off gas

annexation of Crimea in March. Talks dragged on for five months amid fighting in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russian insurgents and

Miller said Friday that Gazprom expects to receive the first Ukrainian tranche of \$1.45 billion before the end of next week and will start gas supplies to Ukraine within 48 hours after getting the money. Under the deal, Ukraine has pledged to pay the rest of its \$3.1 billion gas debt before the year's end and also to pay in advance for Russian gas supplies through March. Ukraine will pay \$378 per 1,000 cubic meters of Russian gas until the year's end, and the price is expected to fall slightly in the first quarter of next year. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said Ukraine aims to buy four billion cubic meters of gas from Russia over the next two months. He called the

agreement sealed in Brussels "provisional."

"We sorted out a number of issues, including the price, but only for this temporary deal," Klimkin said. "It should provide enough safety and security for gas supplies this winter."

Klimkin said Ukraine will pay in advance on a monthly basis for the gas it buys — a flexible arrangement that also allows Ukraine to purchase additional gas if needed.

Russia claims Ukraine owes it \$5.3 billion for past supplies, while Ukraine only acknowledges a debt of \$3.1 billion. The difference is based on a discounted price Moscow offered to Ukraine under the previous president but annulled after his ouster.



A Ukrainian worker operates a valve at a gas storage point in Bil 'che-Volicko-Ugerske underground gas storage facilities in Strij, outside Lviv, Ukraine. Russia will resume shipping natural gas to Ukraine after Kiev pays off its first debt installment for past supplies of gas next week, officials said Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov)

supplies to Ukraine in June over unpaid debts, a move that followed the ouster of Ukraine's Russia-friendly leader and the Kremlin's

government troops. But the looming onset of winter — a fierce, freezing season in Ukraine — had given the talks increasing urgency.

Peshmerga fighters enter Syrian border

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SURUC, Turkey (AP) — Iraqi peshmerga fighters began entering the Syrian border town of Kobani Friday night where they were expected to join the battle against Islamist militants besieging the town, activists said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Kobani-based activist Mustafa Bali said 10 vehicles carrying Iraqi peshmerga fighters and their weapons have entered the town. They said the Iraqi Kurdish force entered from an area west of the town near the strategic Tel Shair hill.

The Observatory and Bali

said it was not immediately clear how many peshmerga fighters of the force of 150 have entered Kobani. It was not clear why the force did not enter from the main border crossing point between Kobani and Turkey although it is likely because the area is subjected to attacks by the Islamic State group fighters. Earlier on Friday night, journalists in the Turkish border town of Suruc saw the peshmerga force leaving the area where they had stayed for days and headed toward Kobani.

The fighters left in a convoy Friday night while waving Kurdish flags and giving the victory sign. As soon as the news spread in Suruc, fire-

works were let off.

The peshmerga fighters came out cheering "Kobani, Kobani," while honking the horns of their vehicles and waving their rifles in the air. A line of Turkish riot policemen stood in front to prevent photographers from taking pictures of the fighters as they left.

Earlier in the day a Kurdish official blamed Ankara for the delay of the peshmerga force deployment for days. The official with Syria's powerful Kurdish Democratic Union Party, or PYD, claimed Turkish leaders had been hoping that militants from the Islamic State group would capture the town before the Iraqi fighters entered.

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Jerusalem holy site reopens for Muslim worship

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JERUSALEM - Thousands of Palestinians prayed Friday amid a heavy Israeli police presence at Jerusalem's most contested sacred site, after an extremely rare daylong closing that the authorities said was to prevent further escalation of intensifying hostilities. Men under 50 were barred from the Old City site, where an

Israeli police spokesman said there were no major incidents, though officers used riot-control measures to disperse a protest in a nearby neighborhood. Palestinian leaders had called for a "day of rage" because of the closing Thursday and the killing by Israeli forces of a Palestinian man suspected in the assassination attempt Wednesday night against Yehuda Glick. Glick is a

right-wing activist who promoted increased Jewish access and prayer at the site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary. About 15,000 people, fewer than on a typical Friday, attended noon prayers at the two Islamic shrines on the revered plateau; men at Al Aksa Mosque and women at the Dome of the Rock. Some young men

seemed to have sneaked in, and others cursed Israeli police officers for checking identification. But the crowds dispersed quickly in a drizzling rain. Mohammed Obeidat, a 50-year-old construction worker who was inside the mosque, described the Israeli restrictions as unjust. "There is no state in the world which prevents prayer at the mosque, except Israel," he com-

plained. "They want to tell us, 'We are the boss here.'" Arafat Abbas, 35, was among about 200 people who prayed at the Lion's Gate to the Old City after being stopped at one of several police checkpoints around the Aksa compound. "Things are moving from bad to worse," said Abbas, who lives in the Old City. "They want to control our mosque. People will not stay silent." □

Hungary drops internet tax plan after surge of protests

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WARSAW, Poland - Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary said Friday that his government would abandon, at least for now, a proposed tax on Internet usage that drew tens of thousands of demonstrators to the streets this week. "We are not communists, we don't govern against the people," Orban said in his regular weekly interview on Hungarian radio. "We govern together with the people. So this tax, in this form, cannot be introduced."

Ebullient protest organizers - who had charged that the proposed tax was an attempt by Orban's right-wing government to choke off one of the last sources of information not controlled by him and his allies - called for victory celebrations across the country. "After long years, Viktor Or-



A crowd waves flags showing Viktor Orban, the Prime Minister of Hungary, beside President Vladimir Putin of Russia at a rally in Budapest, Oct. 26, 2014. Orban announced on Friday plans to drop a proposed tax on Internet usage that angered thousands, who felt that the tax was an attempt to cut off one of the few sources of information not controlled by Orban's allies.

(Akos Stiller/The New York Times)

ban has recognized that he doesn't represent the point of view of the majority on an issue, and has

admitted that the majority of the people rejected this tax," said Balazs Gulyas, 27, a former member

of the Hungarian Socialist Party who set up a Facebook page last week that inspired the protests.

Orban said that instead of pushing ahead with the proposed tax, the government would begin discussions early next year about a broad variety of Internet issues, including regulation and taxation.

Government press officers had said that the organizers of the protests - which began in Budapest on Sunday and swelled much larger in the capital and in other cities on Tuesday - had deliberately misrepresented the proposal as a new tax when it was actually just an extension of an existing telecommunications tax. Under the proposal, Internet data was to be taxed at 150 Hungarian forints (about 61 cents) per gigabyte. After the first protests on Sunday, the government inched back, saying it would cap the tax at 700 forints per month, but that failed to appease the protesters. □

Burkina Faso's president resigns; General takes power

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OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso - Blaise Compaoré, president of the poor, landlocked nation Burkina Faso, announced Friday that he had resigned, forced from office by violent street protests and the burning of the parliament building 27 years after he seized power as an army captain in a coup.

His place was immediately taken by Gen. Honoré Nabéré Traoré, the chief of staff of Burkina Faso's

armed forces, who said at a news conference that he would "assume, as of this day, the responsibilities of head of state." He said he was acting to fill the power vacuum left by the president's departure and to "save the life of the nation."

Even as Compaoré's resignation was broadcast, there were reports that he was seeking to flee the country in a heavily armed convoy.

The chaotic political demise of Compaoré, 63, who provoked a storm of

dissent over manipulations to extend his rule indefinitely, closed the book on one of Africa's most enduring rulers. He signaled few public regrets as he left.

"For my part, I believe, I have fulfilled my duty, my only concern being the higher interest of the nation," he said in a resignation statement that called for elections within 90 days. Events here were closely watched across West Africa and elsewhere, particularly in the handful of countries whose leaders are reported to be consid-

ering measures to extend their tenure. Some analysts said events in Burkina Faso, which means "Land of Upright People," may be taken as a warning of the perils of such action.

Residents reported that a convoy carrying the president was seen leaving the capital, Ouagadougou, and heading south toward Po, near the border with Ghana. Some reports said barricades had been thrown up to stop him.

It was not immediately clear how popular Traoré's declaration of power

would be, since he is was regarded as close to Compaoré. Many protesters had said they favored the former defense minister, retired Gen. Kouame Lougué, to oversee a transition to new elections.

The announcement from Compaoré came on the fourth day of turmoil in Ouagadougou, as military commanders met privately and demonstrators urged them to oust the president.

His departure was the culmination of 24 hours of frantic maneuvering. □

Euro inflation creeps up, ECB still under pressure

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Inflation crept higher in the 18 countries that use the euro in October — but the rise to an annual 0.4 percent offered little relief to the European Central Bank as it tries to boost a weak economy.

Inflation was up from 0.3 percent the month before. The figure announced Friday by EU statistics agency Eurostat was in line with market expectations but remains way below the bank's goal of keeping inflation just below 2 percent.

The chronic weak inflation figures underline the pressure on the ECB to enact more stimulus measures, especially after the Bank of Japan surprised markets with its decision to extend its bond-purchase program as it tries to boost inflation and promote growth. But German opposition may keep the ECB bank from acting unless the eurozone economy starts looking even worse than it does now.

The eurozone showed no growth at all in the second quarter, and low inflation from weak demand for goods is one sign of that weakness. There are fears the eurozone could even fall into outright deflation, a crippling downward price spiral that could further weigh on growth as consumers delay spending in anticipation of cheaper products down the line.

While the overall inflation figure rose modestly, the core rate, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, fell to 0.7 percent from 0.8 percent. That's a sign that the economy and underlying price pressures are weak.

Economist Christian Schulz at Berenberg bank in London said the increase in headline inflation "provides only limited reassurance," although "alarm bells may be ringing a little less loudly" at ECB headquarters in Frankfurt.

"The latest economic rough patch may further delay the long-expected gradual rebound in inflation and will probably trig-

ger more discussions about further easing at the upcoming meetings." The ECB's governing council meets Thursday but analysts think the bank is un-

likely to take further action then. ECB President Mario Draghi has said the bank is willing to take further stimulus

measures if the outlook worsens. The ECB could start large-scale purchases of financial assets such as government bonds, a step which can pump newly

the eurozone's largest and most influential member. The ECB is already conducting a smaller-scale bond purchase program aimed at easing the flow



President of European Central Bank Mario Draghi walks in front of the ECB governing council prior to their meeting in Naples, Italy. Inflation crept higher in the 18 countries that use the euro in October — but the rise to an annual 0.4 percent offered little relief to the European Central Bank as it tries to boost a weak economy. (AP Photo/Lapresse, POOL)

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created money into the economy and raise inflation and growth. But doing more is complicated by opposition in Germany,

of credit to companies. It is buying bonds made up of bundles of bank loans — a step it hopes will encourage more loans. □

Bank of Japan redoubling efforts to revive economy

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan's central bank surprised the financial world and pleased investors Friday by intensifying its purchases of government bonds and other assets to try to revive a chronically anemic economy.

The Bank of Japan's move to pump trillions more yen into the financial system is intended to stimulate spending in the world's third-largest economy. It's an acknowledgement that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government has so far failed in its broad efforts to revive growth, especially after a sales tax hike took effect in April. The latest data show consumer spending falling, unemployment rising and excessively low inflation dipping further.

By injecting more money into the economy, the government hopes to raise ex-

pectations of higher inflation and thereby encourage people to spend and fuel growth.

Coinciding with the central bank's move, Japan's \$1.1 trillion public pension fund acted Friday to move money out of low-yielding bonds and into higher-yielding but riskier stocks to try to improve its investment returns and meet its obligations to a swelling number of retirees. Abe said the move was needed to ensure that the fund can meet its future obligations. Japan is rapidly aging, and its population is shrinking as birth rates decline.

Across the world, investors responded by pouring money into stocks in anticipation that the Bank of Japan's action would mean lower bond yields, higher stock prices and a cheaper yen, which would make Japan's goods more affordable overseas. □



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Colombians jailed in Venezuela for \$15 grocery run

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Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

A \$15 grocery run has cost two single mothers from Colombia 48 days in jail — and the threat of a 14 year prison sentence — as a result of a crackdown on smuggling in Venezuela that's ratcheting up tensions and highlighting growing economic distortions between the neighbors.

Jenifer Rojas and Belsy Alvarez were arrested in early September by Venezuela's national guard walking out of a supermarket in the western city of San Cristobal with bags of pasta, mayonnaise and other staples that are heavily subsidized in Venezuela and whose sale is restricted to the country's residents.

Along with the cashier who rang up their purchases, they face charges of smuggling and violating the socialist government's new law of fair prices, whose penalties include 10 to 14 years in jail.

The Colombian women were expected to appear in court Friday for a preliminary hearing where a judge will rule on whether to accept the charges and determine if they must remain in jail.

"My daughter's not a criminal," Rojas' mother, Gladys Pedroza, told The Associated Press after a recent jailhouse visit.

The women's plight isn't an isolated case. An estimated 100 Colombians are among the nearly 1,400 people who have been arrested in the past two months as part of President Nicolas Maduro's effort to root out smuggling he blames for widespread shortages.

Some of the smuggling is on an almost industrial scale, with entire towns on the Colombian side stocked with goods brought across the border. The most lucrative trade is in gasoline, which is almost free in Venezuela.

But Colombian officials contend that the majority of their arrested citizens come from working-class families like Rojas' who for years have been crossing the porous border to take

advantage of price caps for family shopping.

A recent plunge in Venezuela's currency has made the shopping excursions

rate, but it can fetch seven times that amount in dollar terms across the border in Colombia.

While Maduro insists he's



Milagro Alvarez holds her five-month-old daughter Annabeth as she waits in line inside a Farmatodo pharmacy in hopes of buying more disposable diapers in downtown Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. A \$15 grocery run has cost two single mothers from Colombia 48 days in jail — and the threat of a 14 year prison sentence — as a result of a crackdown on smuggling in Venezuela that's ratcheting up tensions and highlighting growing economic distortions between the neighbors.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

even more affordable: A 1 kilogram (2.2-pound) bag of powdered milk — which it can be found — costs 70 bolivars at the regulated prices. That's about 70 U.S. cents at the widely used black market exchange

not targeting Colombians, his decision to close the border at night and boost security patrols has generated alarm. The mayor of Cucuta, a commercial city of 800,000 where Venezuelans go to see how

much their bolivars are really worth, urged residents this week to avoid stepping across the border, saying they face arrest.

Many Colombians might not have learned that grocery purchases can be a crime if Rojas and Alvarez's fellow street vendors in Cucuta hadn't raised a fuss. Rojas has a stand selling underwear while Alvarez scrapes by charging pedestrians for cellular phone calls, according to Rocio Valencia, president of the city's street vendors' union. Both have young children.

As Venezuela's economic crisis has deepened, relations between the two countries have grown more strained. While the late President Hugo Chavez endeared himself to the estimated 4 million Colombians living in that country by allowing them easy access to citizenship and social programs, Maduro has cut off the immigrants' ability to send remittances back home and has jailed those without residency papers.

Mexico: Police questioned in killing of 3 Americans

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Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) —

Authorities were investigating on Friday a possible police connection to the killing of three U.S. citizens visiting their father in Mexico who were found shot to death along with a Mexican friend more than two weeks after going missing. Parents of the three siblings, whose bodies were identified Thursday, have said witnesses reported they were seized by men dressed in police gear calling themselves "Hercules," a tactical security unit in the violent border city of Matamoros wracked by cartel infighting. Nine of the unit's 40 officers are being questioned, Tamaulipas state Attorney General Ismael Quintanilla Acosta said.

It would be the third recent case of alleged abuse and

killings by Mexican security forces.

The country is already convulsed by the case of 43 students from a teachers college in the southern state of Guerrero, their disappearance blamed on a mayor and police working with a drug cartel. Fifty-six people are under arrest, including dozens of police officers.

In a separate case in June, soldiers killed 22 suspected gang members in Mexico state, then altered the scene and intimidated witnesses to hide the fact that most of the dead were executed after they surrendered, a National Commission on Human Rights report said last week. Three soldiers face murder charges. "We will apply the full force of the law and zero tolerance," Tamaulipas Gov. Egidio Torre Cantu said of the latest case, lament-

ing the death of the three Americans and a Mexican citizen, even though their identities had yet to be confirmed by DNA.

Presidential spokesman Eduardo Sanchez declined to comment when asked about the newest case. The U.S. Embassy said it was aware of the reports but had no information to share "due to privacy considerations."

The father of the three Americans, Pedro Alvarado, identified his children from photographs of the bodies showing tattoos, Quintanilla told Radio Formula. Clothing found with the bodies also matched that of Erica Alvarado Rivera, 26, and her brothers, Alex, 22, and Jose Angel, 21, who disappeared Oct. 13 along with Jose Guadalupe Castaneda Benitez, Erica Alvarado's 32-year-old boyfriend.

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Sales Coordinators and Sales Managers together with Executive Team Members will be devoting their time to visiting several local companies and thanking them for their continuous support and trust throughout the year. This year's Global Customer Appreciation Week theme is to raise awareness for "Travel Brilliantly", which is Marriott's new brand concept designed for a new genera-

tion of travelers; the Master Blender.

To end this special week, the Sales & Marketing and Events team of the Aruba Marriott Resort will host an island elegant event for its loyal customers at the beautiful H2Oasis Adult Pool, where the attendees will enjoy innovative culinary stations and dynamic entertainment. In addition, the Sales & Marketing and Events team will give back to the community by donating breakfast and lunch to Ambiente Felis Foundation while making a special visit and delivering the meals personally. The Aruba Marriott Resort would like to say THANK YOU its loyal customers for their continuous support and wishes them a wonderful Global Customer Appreciation Week. □





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Roger Federer of Switzerland returns the ball to Milos Raonic of Canada during their quarterfinal match at the ATP World Tour Masters tennis tournament at Bercy stadium in Paris, France, Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. Raonic won 7-6, 7-5.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

Raonic Downs Federer in Paris Masters Play

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Milos Raonic perfectly timed his maiden win over Roger Federer.

The seventh-seeded Raonic, who had never beaten the 17-Grand Slam champion in six previous meetings, hit 21 aces and lost

only 15 points on his serve to complete a 7-6 (5), 7-5 win to reach the semifinals of the Paris Masters on Friday. It was a must-win match for the big-serving Canadian, who kept alive his chances of qualifying for the ATP Finals after finding his best tennis at the right time, be-

fore Kei Nishikori sent him to the year-end tournament in London with a hard-fought win over David Ferrer in the final quarterfinal.

Nishikori's 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory sealed the field for the Nov. 9-16 tournament at the O2, where he and Raonic will be playing for

the first time. "Considering all the circumstances around it, I think this was the biggest win for me," said the 23-year-old Raonic.

The Wimbledon semifinalist brutally ended Federer's 14-match winning streak as the Swiss took a hit in his bid to overtake the top-ranked

Novak Djokovic in the race for the year-end No. 1 spot. Djokovic, a two-time champion in Paris, defeated eighth-seeded Andy Murray 7-5, 6-2 to advance to the semifinals against Nishikori.

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Murray, who booked his spot at the finals in the previous round, played 23 matches over the past six weeks and could not prevent the Serb from winning the final 5 games of the match as fatigue took its toll.

"I started rushing points at the end, that's for sure. I tried to finish points quite quickly," said Murray, who claimed his third title in five weeks last Sunday in Vienna.

Federer, who arrived in Paris on the back of consecutive titles in Shanghai and Basel, only had a few openings against Raonic. He created his sole break point in the 10th game of

the second set but the Canadian saved it with an ace.

"It hurts to lose that way, but he deserves credit for serving the way he did and doing those passing shots the way he had to do it," said Federer.

Raonic managed to break Federer in the 11th game with two consecutive sumptuous shots. The Canadian first hit a stunning forehand return to create a break opportunity and converted it with a cross-court backhand pass.

Federer, who is looking to clinch the year-end top spot for a record-equaling sixth time, will now take some time off before chasing more points at the finals, then with Switzerland in the Davis Cup final



Milos Raonic of Canada returns the ball to Roger Federer of Switzerland during their quarterfinal match at the ATP World Tour Masters tennis tournament at Bercy stadium in Paris, France, Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. Raonic won 7-6, 7-5.

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against France next month. Djokovic leads Federer by 670 points in the year-to-date rankings and could add another 640 points to his total with a win in Paris, but Federer has not given up his hopes of finishing at the top.

"I always thought it was going to get solved in London," Federer said. "Whether I am No. 1 at the end of this year, or one or two weeks later next year, it doesn't really matter. Novak seems to be fit, anyway. Now I will have a good preparation for London. It's not that I didn't want to win here, but I knew it was going to be tough from the start." Earlier, Tomas Berdych qualified for the finals — where he will be playing

for the fifth straight year — after rallying to beat Kevin Anderson.

The fifth-seeded Czech came out on top of a tight match and won 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4 to extend his unbeaten record against the South African to 12-0 and will now face Raonic.

Berdych, who hit 16 aces to Anderson's 12 but struggled with consistency on his first serve, made the decisive break in the ninth game of the third set with a backhand winner down the line.

"It's probably never going to be like a routine thing," Berdych said about his qualification. "I mean, it's always just proof of having a great season." □

Wolves give Rubio 4-year, \$56M deal

JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Basketball Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ricky Rubio is getting a four-year, \$56 million contract extension from the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Agent Jarinn Akana of Relativity Sports tells The Associated Press the two sides are putting the finishing touches on the deal.

The Timberwolves and Rubio's agent, Dan Fegan, have been negotiating for more than two months and had until midnight Friday

to reach a deal or Rubio would have become a restricted free agent after the season.

Rubio is in his fourth season with the Wolves since coming over from Spain in 2011. He has yet to make an All-Star team, but has become the face of the franchise after they traded Kevin Love this summer.

Rubio averaged 10.1 points, 8.1 assists and 2.3 steals, but shot just 37 percent in his first three seasons. □



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Mercedes driver Hamilton tops practice at US Grand Prix



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, of Britain, drives through the course during the first practice session for the Formula One U.S. Grand Prix auto race at the Circuit of the Americas, Friday, Oct. 31, 2014, in Austin, Texas.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

searching for that little bit extra. It's going to be three great races coming up."

Defending race champion Sebastian Vettel's long season took another expected blow when the FIA ruled he will have to start Sunday's race from pit lane because he will have to use a new, sixth power unit in his engine, breaking the limit of five.

Vettel had acknowledged the possibility earlier in the week and the FIA confirmed the penalty after Vettel used the new power unit in Friday's first practice. While Vettel had hinted he might skip qualifying, Red Bull has said he likely will drive the first session but may pit the car after that to save wear and tear. □

JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Formula One championship leader Lewis Hamilton posted the fastest time in Friday's two practice sessions at the U.S. Grand Prix, but abandoned the second session with about 10 minutes to go to deal with a fluid leak on the cockpit floor.

Afterward, Hamilton seemed confident the problem would be resolved before Saturday qualifying. "We stopped and pulled the floor up and there was some kind of fluid ... either a fuel leak or an oil leak," Hamilton said. "I'm not thinking about it. We just lost a little time in the session."

Hamilton's fastest lap at the Circuit of the Americas was 1 minute, 39.085 seconds in the afternoon. His Mercedes teammate and title rival Nico Rosberg was .003 seconds behind. Hamilton is chasing his second world championship.

He won the title in 2008 with McLaren and has a 17-point lead over Rosberg with 100 still available in the final three races. The final race in Abu Dhabi will be worth double points, a new system that Hamilton this week questioned as an unfair way to wrap a season-long dual between himself and Rosberg.

Racing against Rosberg is challenging enough. The last thing Hamilton wants to deal with at this late stage in the season is a reliability problem that could cost him points. The only races Hamilton didn't finish on the podium this season were the three he didn't finish. Rosberg seemed to sense an opportunity.

"He had a major problem," Rosberg said, noting the pressure that continues to mount within the Mercedes team.

"The tension is there for sure," he said. "It's a great battle. That's what I enjoy about racing such a strong teammate. You're always

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Saints lock up NFC South lead after beating Panthers

STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina

(AP) — Drew Brees overcame a shaky start and threw for one touchdown and ran for another as the New Orleans Saints defeated the Carolina Panthers 28-10 Thursday night to take over first place in the NFC South.

The Saints (4-4) piled up 375 yards to snap a seven-game losing streak on the road that dated back to last November.

Brees finished 24 of 34 for 297 yards and Mark Ingram turned in another solid performance with 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Brees threw an interception and fumbled in the first quarter before settling down late in the second and leading touchdown drives on four out of five possessions.

The Saints' defense sacked Cam Newton four times



New Orleans Saints' Jimmy Graham (80) leaps over Carolina Panthers' Roman Harper (41) in the first half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014.

(AP Photo/Bob Leverone)

and forced two turnovers. New Orleans pushed inside the Carolina 15-yard line on the game-opening drive before Brees' pass for Kenny Stills was deflected to Panthers defensive lineman Dwan Edwards for the interception.

Then, after the Saints forced a punt, Brees quickly pushed the Saints to mid-field only to have Carolina's Charles Johnson push fullback Erik Lorig into him and knock the ball loose as he looked downfield for a fumble.

However, Newton and the Panthers couldn't take advantage and were forced to punt after both turnovers.

"It's hard when you don't take advantage of those opportunities," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said.

The Saints didn't have the same problem on the next possession.

With the Panthers pinned back in their own end,

Junior Galette sacked Newton from behind and stripped the ball, allowing linebacker Curtis Lofton recovered at the Carolina 3. Mark Ingram took advantage two plays later with a 3-yard run to give the Saints a 7-0 lead.

Then, after forcing a three-and-out, Brees directed an 85-yard drive that ended when he slipped a 1-yard pass just past Melvin White to Graham on the right side with 3 seconds left in the half and the Saints were off and running while the Panthers (3-5-1) headed to the locker room serenaded by a chorus of boos.

He turned in one of the most athletic plays of the season when he scrambled out of the pocket, raced around the left end and took off from the 5-yard line and soaring toward the goal line with the ball outstretched in his right hand for a touchdown, cutting the Saints lead to 14-7.

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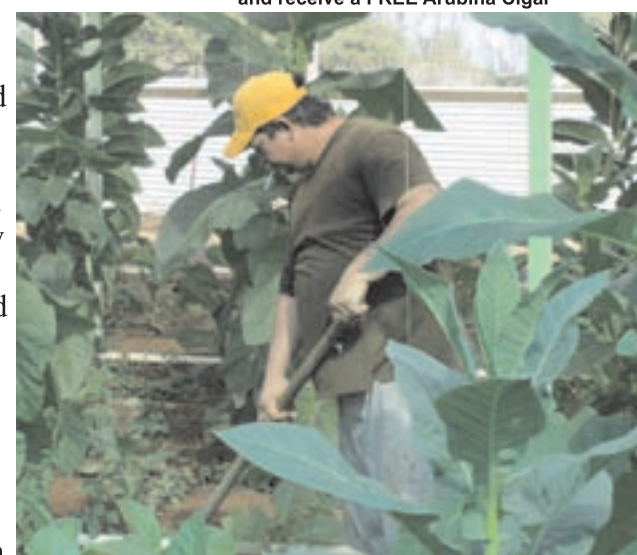


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Inbee Park of South Korea watches her shot on the 9th hole.
(AP Photo)

3-shot lead in LPGA Taiwan for Inbee Park

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Inbee Park shot a 10-under 62 on Friday to open a three-stroke lead in the LPGA Taiwan Championship, her first event since regaining the No. 1 ranking on Monday.

The South Korean star played the first eight holes in 6 under — making an eagle, five birdies and a bogey — and birdied four of the first six holes on the back nine. She had an 18-under 126 total at Miramar.

Park won the LPGA Championship in August for her second victory of the year and fifth major title. Last year, she swept the first three majors and won six times.

China's Shanshan Feng was second after a 65 on Friday.

South Korea's Mirim Lee also shot a 62 to join third-ranked Lydia Ko, Azahara Munoz and Line Vedel at 10 under. Lee won the Reignwood LPGA Classic on Oct. 5 in China for her second victory of the year. Ko had a 65. The 17-year-old New Zealander won the Swinging Skirts World Ladies Masters in December at Miramar. Munoz, from Spain, had a 66. Vedel, from Denmark, shot 68. Second-ranked Stacy Lewis was 9 under after a 68.

Norway's Suzann Pettersen, the winner the last two years at Sunrise, was 7 under after a 71.

Michelle Wie followed her opening 68 with a 70 to reach 6 under.

Colsaerts builds 1-shot lead at BMW Masters

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AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium is among the longest hitters in golf. When he's hitting it straight, it can be a dangerous combination.

Colsaerts overpowered the par 5s at rain-softened Lake Malaren for the second straight day on his way to an 8-under 64, giving him a one-shot lead over Alexander Levy of France going into the weekend of the BMW Masters.

Colsaerts was at 14-under 130. He is 9-under on the par 5s alone.

"I kept on hitting good drives, which for me here is a big bonus because it's pretty soft," Colsaerts said. "If I keep it out in the short stuff, I'm going to have a lot

of shorter clubs in than lots of the other guys, so I can see this course a bit more takeable than the others." Levy quickly expanded on his first-round lead with three birdies in the opening four holes. He made two more birdies in the middle of the back nine to try to keep pace with Colsaerts and wound up with a 66. Levy already has won twice this year, including the Volvo China Open. His most recent victory was in Portugal earlier this month in a tournament cut short to 36 holes because of rain. He beat Colsaerts, who had opened with a European Tour record-tying 60.

Colsaerts isn't interested in payback. He's just happy he is starting to play well again after dropping to No.

142 in the world and returning to the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles not as a player but to do television work. He has gone 75 tournaments worldwide without winning, dating to the World Match Play Championship in 2012. "I felt like I've been in the zone a couple of times lately, and it doesn't really happen in such a short period of time like this," he said. "So it's pretty nice when you can get it going like this. I've been playing quite well for the last couple of months."

Romain Wattel of France had a 67 and was three shots behind. Branden Grace of South Africa (66) was among three players at 10-under 140.

Overnight rain soaked Lake Malaren, and the play-

ers caught a break when heavy rain in the forecast never materialized. Instead there was an overcast sky, soft fairways and slow greens. It was long enough that Colsaerts had to hit fairway metal into some of the par 5s, though he still had no trouble reaching them. "I was actually surprised at how well I've managed them, because for somebody that hits it as long as me, I don't really think my stats on the par 5s are as good as they should be," Colsaerts said. "There's probably guys that hit it a lot shorter and have a much better scoring average on par 5s. ... I'm quite happy with the way the par 5s have been going because I've been going pretty low on them."

Jay Haas shoots 62 to take Champions Tour lead

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP)

— Jay Haas birdied four of the last six holes Friday for an 8-under 62 and a four-stroke lead in the Champions Tour's season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

"I thought much harder today than yesterday," said the 60-year-old Haas, the oldest player in field limited to the top 30 players on the money list. "The wind was difficult, the greens are still very firm. I honestly said if somebody was giving me even par before I played, I would have said, 'OK, that sounds pretty good, I'll take that.' But I played extremely well."

Haas had his 38th straight round of par or better to break Loren Roberts' tour record.

"It was a pretty error-free round," Haas said. "Disappointed that I didn't birdie at least the last hole or at least get kind of an opportunity to shoot my age today, but it was a special round. Hit a lot of good shots and didn't make a lot of long putts. They were all, you know, 15 feet and in probably for birdie. So it was solid golf today. I don't know what got into me, but it was a lot of fun."

Haas won two weeks ago in North Carolina to become



Jay Haas reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the second round of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship golf tournament Friday, Oct. 31, 2014, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

(AP Photo/The Arizona Republic, Mark Henle)

the 18th player to win a Champions Tour event at 60 or older. He has 17 victories on the 50-and-over tour after winning nine times on

the PGA Tour.

Haas had a 12-under 128 total on Desert Mountain's Cochise Course.

First-round leader Tom Per-

nice Jr. was second after a 67.

"I played pretty well," Pernice said. "The conditions were obviously a little more difficult with a little bit more breeze blowing today, so it was a little bit trickier. I struggled a little bit on the speed of the greens, I left several putts short."

Kenny Perry was third at 6 under after a 68.

Fred Couples, the winner last year at TPC Harding Park in San Francisco, was 5 under along with Michael Allen and Olin Browne. Couples shot 64, Allen 66, and Browne 67.

"I haven't putted like this or made this many putts in a long time," Couples said. "But I didn't hit the ball so bad on the front nine, shot even par and I got it going, and as you saw, some of these putts are crazy. Just one of those things. ... I might go dressed as a putter tonight for Halloween." Bernhard Langer was tied for seventh at 4 under after a 70. Langer won the Charles Schwab Cup points title last week, has a tour-high five victories — two of them majors — and also has wrapped up the season money title with \$2,916,189.

New website rates food on ingredients and nutrition

STEPHANIE STROM

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An environmental research organization Monday introduced one of the most comprehensive online databases of food products, containing information on more than 80,000 items sold in U.S. groceries. It offers details of ingredients and nutritional information as well as an attempt to assess how processed the food items are.

"We know that consumers care a lot about what's in the foods they buy, and we also know that if foods are highly processed, that can have an impact on nutrition in ways that don't always show up on the information panels on labels," said Renée Sharp, director of research at the Environmental Working Group, the nonprofit that built the new service.

The Food Scores database, compiled largely from information supplied by food companies through voluntary and mandatory labeling, combined with the group's own research on pesticides and additives, allows consumers to find information like how many products contain brominated vegetable oil as an ingredient or whether a specific product contains added dyes and preservatives.

The Environmental Working Group aims to assign a score from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best, to each product based on how nu-

tritious it is, how many ingredients in it or its packaging raise concerns and an estimate of how processed it is. Factors include whether a product is organically

"The database is only of branded and packaged products, so bagged spinach but not spinach sold loose."

Because of mobile tech-

ed to food purely for the convenience of industrial food makers are under scrutiny, not by regulatory agencies but by the public," said Ken Cook, presi-

"The Environmental Working Group's food ratings are severely flawed and will only provide consumers with misinformation about the food and beverage products they trust and enjoy," the association said.

It said the scoring system was "not based on sound scientific methodologies" and would give consumers inaccurate and misleading information.

Sharp said her group's methodology was presented in depth on the website so that consumers could understand exactly how the organization arrived at its conclusions.

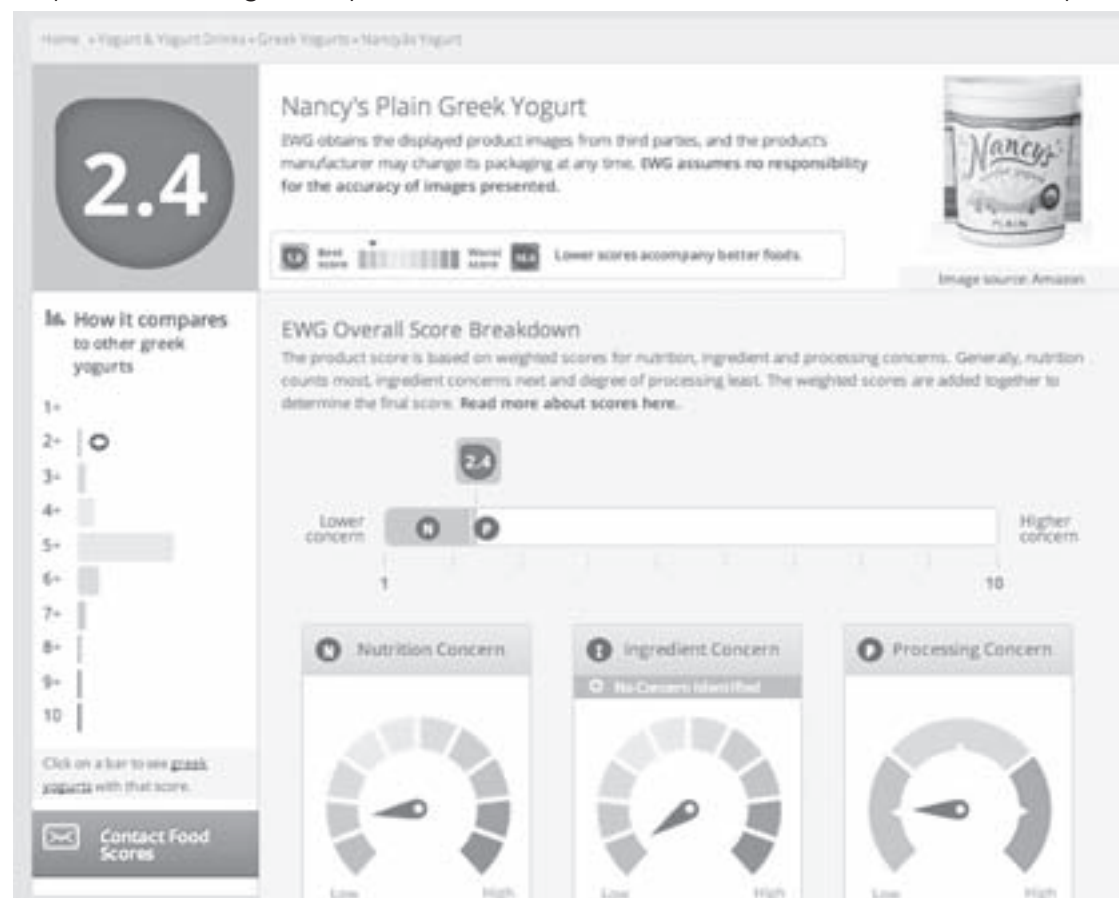
"We laid out all of our assumptions and decisions," she said. "We don't think anyone is as transparent as we are about what we're doing."

She and Cook said the biggest surprise was how many products contained sugar.

"It is astounding," Sharp said. "Almost 60 percent of the products in the database contain added sugars."

More than 90 percent of granola bars, for instance, have added sugars, as do 100 percent of stuffing mixes. Perhaps even more surprising, processed meats like bologna and salami contain added sugar.

Analysis of food products aimed at educating consumers about what they are buying is increasingly common. □



An undated handout photo of the Environmental Working Group's Food Scores database that grades products from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best. Here, Nancy's Plain Greek Yogurt received a 2.4, a good score among yogurts. The Food Scores database assigns a score to 80,000 products based on factors like how nutritious and processed they are. (Handout via The New York Times)

certified; was raised according to various animal welfare standards or without antibiotics; and was exposed to environmental contaminants and pesticides.

"You can see if a product is gluten-free, whether it potentially contains genetically modified ingredients, how it stacks up against its competition," Sharp said.

nology and social media, consumers are becoming much more aware of not only what is in the foods they eat but also of questions and concerns about them. That attention has been forcing food manufacturers to reformulate products as varied as Gatorade and Kraft macaroni and cheese.

"Ingredients that are add-

dent and a founder of the environmental group. Cook said he anticipated resistance from the food industry. In an email statement, the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the trade group that represents the industry's interests, criticized the new tool after being briefed on it by the environmental organization.

Study shows how toddlers adjust to adult anger

Tara Haele

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Toddlers can both sense adult anger and alter their behavior in response to it, new research reveals.

"Babies are like sponges," said study co-author Andrew Meltzoff, co-director of the University of Washington Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, in Seattle. "They learn not only from their own direct social experiences but from watching the social interactions between two other people." He said he was most

surprised at how emotionally "sophisticated" the babies were at such a young age. "This study shows that even 15-month-olds have their emotional antennae up and are scanning the social environment to understand and predict other people's emotional reactions," he said. "Young children have a kind of emotional radar that is quite striking."

Meltzoff's team conducted an experiment in which 150 toddlers, all aged 15 months, sat on their par-

ents' laps and watched an experimenter show them how to use several toys that made different sounds. During this demonstration, another person came in the room, sat down and began complaining about the experimenter's actions with the toys.

Then the children had an opportunity to play with the toys. When the complaining person was out of the room or had her back turned, the children quickly picked up the toys and copied the experimenter's

actions.

If the complainer watched the child with a neutral expression or looked at a magazine, however, the toddlers usually waited an average of four seconds before they picked up any of the toys. They were also less likely to do the same actions they had seen the experimenter do.

"Interestingly, the infants treat this previously angry person as anger prone -- someone who might get angry at them even though she shows no signs of being

angry right now," Meltzoff said. "They remember the emotional history of a person."

"For example, self-control predicts school readiness, academic achievement and social competence, among other things," she said. It's exciting, she added, that even 15-month-olds have already learned to combine emotional cues with visual or other perceptual cues of an adult they don't know and then use that to guide their behavior. □

Eurozone holds largest-ever cyber-security exercise

DEREK GATOPOULOS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The European Union this week carried out its biggest exercise to prevent cyber-attacks on Europe's public utilities and communications networks.

The director of the European Network and Information Security Agency, Udo Helmbrecht, told The Associated Press that Thursday's

one-day exercise involving 29 countries and 200 agencies dealt with attack scenarios against "critical infrastructure." Helmbrecht said European countries were working to improve their coordination between national security agencies and to further standardize protective software and methods. Examples of serious past incidents, he said, include a wave of cyber-attacks

against Estonia in 2007 that severely affected the country's banks and government agencies, and the Stuxnet computer virus that was used to target energy and industrial sites in Iran.

"Now this malware is out in the world, so if you are a criminal you can re-engineer it and use it to attack a water supply, or a car manufacturing plant, or a government," said Helmbrecht, speaking in a windowless office in an EU building where part of the exercise is being held.

The EU agency, based in Iraklio, on the Greek island of Crete, says web-based attacks increased globally by nearly a quarter in 2013 from a year earlier, directed from an increasing number of countries.

"The sophistication and volume of cyber-attacks

are increasing every day," Neelie Kroes, the EU Commission vice president, said in a statement Thursday.

"They cannot be countered if individual states work alone or just a handful of them act together."

The European cyber-security exercise is held every two years and the results of the current safety tests are due to be issued by the end of the year. □

Startup tries to 'Poynt' stores in new direction

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Silicon Valley startup is hoping an upcoming transition to smarter credit and debit cards will persuade millions of U.S. merchants to buy savvy payment terminals for their stores, too.

That's the point of Poynt, a versatile terminal built to take advantage of rules requiring stores to be equipped to handle payment cards with computer chips by October 2015 to avoid financial liability for fraudulent transactions. The chip-based cards are considered to be more secure than the ones with magnetic stripes that have been the U.S. standard for decades.

U.S. merchants are expected to spend \$6.75 billion replacing their payment terminals to comply with the chip-based requirements, based on estimates by financial consulting firm Javelin Strategy & Research. Many of the replacement terminals are already being made by long-time in-

dustry leaders such as VeriFone Systems Inc. and First Data Corp.

The shift is also expected to spur more innovation from opportunistic newcomers such as Poynt, the Palo Alto, California, startup behind the new terminal with the same name. Although Poynt's terminal won't be available until early next year, Wednesday marked the first day that merchants could pre-order the \$299 machine.

"We are going to be a category changer, not just another payment-terminal company," pledged Poynt CEO Osama Bedier, who played a pioneering role in digital payments at eBay Inc.'s PayPal. He defected from PayPal over eBay's protests to join Google Inc., where he helped create the Google Wallet payment service in 2011. Wallet still hasn't proven to be as revolutionary as Google envisioned.

Poynt is concentrating its initial marketing efforts on neighborhood merchants with annual sales ranging

from \$50,000 to \$1 million.

To broaden the terminal's appeal, Poynt payment-processing extends beyond chip-based cards.

Poynt can also process sales through the wireless

commodate customers still carrying around cards with magnetic stripes.

The terminal features a 7-inch screen that resembles a tablet computer on one side for merchants to

loyalty programs, accounting and customer management.

Poynt is being backed by investments from Matrix Partners, Google's venture capital arm and Webb In-



This product image provided by Poynt shows the new Poynt "smart" payment terminal. Poynt is hoping an upcoming transition to smarter credit and debit cards will persuade millions of U.S. merchants to buy savvy payment terminals for their stores, too. (AP Photo/Poynt)

chip technology powering systems such as Apple Pay and Google Wallet on smartphones, as well as payments made through Bluetooth signals or a QR reader. It will also be ac-

ring up sales and a wallet-sized, 4-inch screen on the other side for customers to navigate. Poynt's Android software is also set up to get regular updates and install apps for customer

vestment Network, a fund created by former eBay executive and current Visa Inc. board member Maynard Webb. The amount of their Poynt investment isn't being disclosed. □

Pirate Bay founder jailed for hacking Danish data

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A Danish court on Friday sentenced the Swedish founder of file-sharing site The Pirate Bay to 3½ years in prison after he was found guilty of hacking into a private company handling sensitive information for Danish authorities.

Gottfrid Svartholm Warg and a 21-year-old Dane were found guilty a day earlier of breaking into

the servers of the Danish branch of CSC in 2012 and accessing more than 91,000 social security numbers, driver's license numbers and police records of sought-after people in Europe.

Svartholm Warg, who is known by his Internet alias "Anakata," didn't dispute his computer had been used in the hacking. However, the Copenhagen court rejected his claims

that it must have been used by someone else who accessed it remotely. He immediately appealed Friday's sentence.

In 2013, a Swedish court dismissed a similar case, saying it could not rule out that others might have remotely accessed his computer, as he claimed. However, Svartholm Warg was convicted of hacking into the servers of Sweden's police force and tax authority

and obtaining sensitive information.

Svartholm Warg was previously given a one-year sentence with three Pirate Bay colleagues for copyright violation in 2009. He fled Sweden but was arrested in Cambodia three years later. He was deported back to the Scandinavian country where he served out prison terms before being extradited to Denmark for prosecution.

The Dane, who was not identified, was sentenced Friday to six months for accessory to a hacking attempt. He was released Thursday after having served 16 months in custody.

The Pirate Bay is one of the world's biggest free file-sharing websites, offering millions of users a forum for downloading music, movies and computer games. □

Wall Street caps a wild month with a rally

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For stock investors, there was no shortage of drama in October.

Stocks started the month modestly below a record high, only to cascade to

2.3 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average capped the rally by rising 195.10 points, or 1.1 percent, to end at 17,390.52 on Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 23.40 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,018.05 and the Nasdaq composite added

has an unfortunate history for unsettling moves, with the stock market crashes of 1929 and 1987 both happening in October.

This October, the market's seesaw path was driven by fears that Europe's economy was slipping back

The nadir came on Oct. 15, when the S&P 500 came with a hair's breadth of going into a correction. Investors had suspected such a drop. The last one occurred in late 2011, and historically corrections happen every 18 months or so.

But just after the market came close to going into a correction, it bounced right back. Strong U.S. corporate earnings were the primary driver of the rebound as well as signs that central banks in Japan and Europe were going to do all they could to stop their economies from dragging everyone else down with them.

"I don't think it's a surprise that we came close to a correction. We've been expecting one for a while. I think the bigger surprise has been how we rip-roared all the way back up," said Bob Doll, chief equity strategist at Nuveen Asset Management. "When you hit someone over their head with a hammer, you don't expect them to get up immediately."

U.S. companies have been, for the most part, reporting strong quarterly results the last two weeks.

Corporate profits are up 7.3 percent from a year ago, according to FactSet, compared with the 4.5 percent investors had expected at the beginning of the month. □



Costumed characters distribute Hershey candies as trader Edward Curran works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. U.S. stocks closed higher following big gains in Asia after Japan made moves to rev up its economy.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

their worst slump in two years. But after flirting with a correction, or a 10 percent drop, the U.S. market rebounded and closed at all-time highs on the last day of the month.

All told, U.S. stocks ended October solidly higher, up

64.60 points, or 1.4 percent, to 4,630.74.

Both the Dow and the S&P 500 closed at record highs. It's a remarkable turn given the month's volatility, which at times approached levels from the 2008 financial crisis. Then again, the month

into a recession, worries about plunging oil prices and concerns of possible weakness in the U.S. economy. Oh, and don't forget Ebola. Those anxieties sent the market, for the most part, straight down for two weeks.

AbbVie hikes forecast, tops Street expectations

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

The drugmaker AbbVie surprised Wall Street on Friday with a third-quarter performance that turned out much better than expected and a new 2014 forecast that also extends well beyond what analysts predict.

Shares of the North Chicago, Illinois, company started climbing before markets opened and after it announced results.

The maker of the Chrohn's disease treatment Humira raised its guidance for the second time this year. It now expects earnings excluding one-time items to

range between \$3.25 and \$3.27 per share in 2014. That's up from its previous forecast for \$3.06 to \$3.16 per share.

Analysts expect \$3.17 per share, on average, according to FactSet.

AbbVie Inc. also reported on Friday adjusted earnings of 89 cents per share in the third quarter.

That trumped average analyst expectations of 78 cents per share, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Humira is the world's top-selling drug. Sales for it climbed 18 percent in the quarter to about \$3.3 billion.

Overall, AbbVie earned \$506 million, or 31 cents per share, in the quarter that ended Sept. 30. Revenue climbed nearly 8 percent to \$5.02 billion.

AbbVie said earlier this month that it would pay a \$1.64 billion breakup fee for walking away from its proposed \$55 billion takeover of Dublin-based rival Shire PLC after the U.S. company's board withdrew support for the deal. A company spokeswoman said the charge for that will be recorded in the fourth quarter.

The companies had just reached a deal in July after Shire had rejected sev-

eral unsolicited offers from AbbVie. AbbVie had envisioned buying Shire and reincorporating on the British island of Jersey, where Shire is incorporated. But AbbVie's board had second thoughts after the U.S. government created new limitations on the tax benefits of such overseas incorporations, which are known as inversions.

Shares of AbbVie Inc. climbed 4 percent, or \$2.52, to \$63.70 in pre-market trading. The stock had climbed nearly 16 percent so far this year, as of Thursday's close, doubling the advance of the Standard & Poor's 500 index. □

Andy Rubin, ex head of Android, departs Google

CONOR DOUGHERTY

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Andy Rubin, a high-ranking Google executive who spearheaded the company's entrance into mobile phones and tablets and was in charge of the company's nascent robotics group, has left the company.

Rubin is leaving to start a tech incubator focused on startups interested in building hardware, he said.

"I want to wish Andy all the best with what's next. With Android he created something truly remarkable - with a billion-plus happy users," said Larry Page, Google's chief executive, in a statement.

Rubin's departure is part of a series of recent executive moves that seem designed to give Page more room to focus on the company's longer-term bets - like robotics - while handling almost all the responsibility for Google products to Sundar Pichai, a rising star.

The robotics group will now be led by James Kuffner, who has been at the company since 2009 and has worked on self-driving cars, a Google spokesman said.

Rubin was the founder of Android, the mobile operating system behind Google's smartphones and tablets, which Google acquired in 2005. The product was introduced in 2007 to rival the iPhone and today has more than 1 billion active users.

Last year, Rubin left Android and began an ambitious acquisition spree that included at least eight companies, with the intent of building a robotics business inside Google. The division is focused on a diverse set of areas surrounding manufacturing and logistics. For instance, Rubin has told people that he intended to embark on a 10-year project that would automate things like Google Express - the company's same-day delivery service. □

Exxon, Chevron shrug off effects of lower oil prices

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NEW YORK (AP) — Falling oil prices hardly seem to be bothering the two biggest U.S. oil companies, but things could get tougher in the coming months.

Exxon and Chevron leaned on strong performances from their refining operations to increase profits in the third quarter despite plummeting global oil prices.

"These companies can hold up in weaker markets," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones, about Exxon and Chevron. "Refining and chemicals can benefit from lower oil prices."

The global price of oil fell 18 percent from the beginning of the quarter to the end, and it cost both companies. Revenue slipped at Exxon by 4 percent and at Chevron by 8 percent.

But low oil and natural gas prices make for low raw material costs — and higher profit — for refining and chemical operations, which turn oil and gas into fuels and chemicals. Profit at Exxon's refining and chemicals operations rose 38 percent compared with a year earlier, and Chevron's profit from its so-called downstream operations more than tripled.

Those results helped Exxon's overall earning rise 3 percent in the quarter to \$8.07 billion. Chevron's earnings rose 13 percent to \$5.59 billion.

The trend lately has been for integrated oil and gas companies, which own production, refining and distribution assets, to spin off their refining operations into different companies in an effort to better appeal to investors. ConocoPhillips, Marathon and Hess have all exited refining in recent years.

Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson defended his strategy of remaining integrated Friday. He said in a statement that the company's strong results "demonstrated the strength of our integrated business model." Integration, he said, "gives us competitive advantages in scale, efficiency, technical and commercial capabilities, regardless of market fluctuations."

Exxon and Chevron joined rival Royal Dutch Shell in posting rising earnings for the quarter. But other major oil international oil companies, such as BP, ConocoPhillips and Total, saw earnings fall in the third quarter on lower oil prices.

All may suffer in the fourth quarter, however. The slide in oil prices accelerated in early October, at the beginning of the quarter, and reached lows not seen in four years. If prices remain low or continue to fall it could create declines too large for better refining results to cover. That "will be a little more of a challenge," Youngberg said.

Also, a reason oil prices have fallen so far is that demand for fuels is weakening around the world, which could limit output and profit gains at refining operations.

But Exxon, unlike nearly every other major oil company, says lower global oil prices will not change its plans to invest in new projects. And it suggested on a call with investors that the drop in oil prices might be a good time to use its cash to buy undervalued assets.

"We continue to invest through the cyclical nature of our business," said Jeff Woodbury, Exxon's vice president of investor relations. "We're a long-term business." Exxon said it was on track to increase oil and gas production to the equivalent of 4 million barrels of oil per day by the end of the year as it works to reverse years of sliding output. Exxon's oil and gas production fell 4.7 percent in the third quarter from the same period a year ago. Its production of the equivalent of 3.83 million barrels of oil per day in the quarter was the company's lowest since the third quarter of 2009. □

For the 3rd Quarter: Budweiser owner InBev profits up 5.5%

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Anheuser-Busch InBev SA, the world's largest beer maker, has reported a 5.5-percent increase in earnings for the third quarter, as higher selling prices more than made up for volume declines in Europe and Asia.

Net profit at the brewer

of Budweiser, Stella Artois and Corona was \$2.50 billion, compared with \$2.37 billion in the same period a year earlier. Revenues were up 2.3 percent to \$12.2 billion, as volumes fell 2.6 percent, but the company's revenue per beer increased by 4.9 percent. Though the Leuven, Bel-

gium-based company suffered a 9.5 percent volume decline in Europe, it won a full percentage point of market share in Brazil, where it now controls 60 percent of the beer market. It also increased market share in China, by 1.5 percentage points to 16.5 percent. □

Sony's loss balloons on mobile woes

YURI KAGEYAMA
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TOKYO (AP) — Sony's losses ballooned to 136 billion yen (\$1.2 billion) last quarter as the Japanese electronics and entertainment company's troubled mobile phone division reported huge red ink.

bile phone business by 176 billion (\$1.6 billion). The mobile communications unit recorded a 172 billion yen (\$1.6) operating loss for the quarter.

During the quarter, Sony released several mobile products, including the high-end Xperia Z3 smart-

struggling amid intense competition from Apple Inc. of the U.S., Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea and a host of other cheaper Asian rivals.

It has repeatedly promised turnarounds but failed to deliver, partly because even if one part of its



Sony Corp. President Kazuo Hirai leaves after a press conference at the company's headquarters in Tokyo. Sony's losses ballooned to 136 billion yen (\$1.2 billion) last quarter as the Japanese electronics and entertainment company's troubled mobile phone division reported huge red ink. (AP Photo/Toru Takahashi)

The Tokyo-based maker of the PlayStation 4 video game machines, Spider-Man movies and Xperia smartphones had reported a 19.6 billion yen loss for the same July-September period a year earlier.

The poor result released Friday was despite a 7 percent increase in quarterly sales to 1.9 trillion yen (\$17.3 billion) as performance improved in cameras, TVs and game businesses.

Last month, Sony wrote down the value of its mo-

phone. But it has had trouble competing with industry leaders Apple and Samsung. Even Samsung has struggled with its smartphone business. Operating income from Samsung's mobile business fell sharply, and the company's net income dropped to its lowest since the first quarter of 2012.

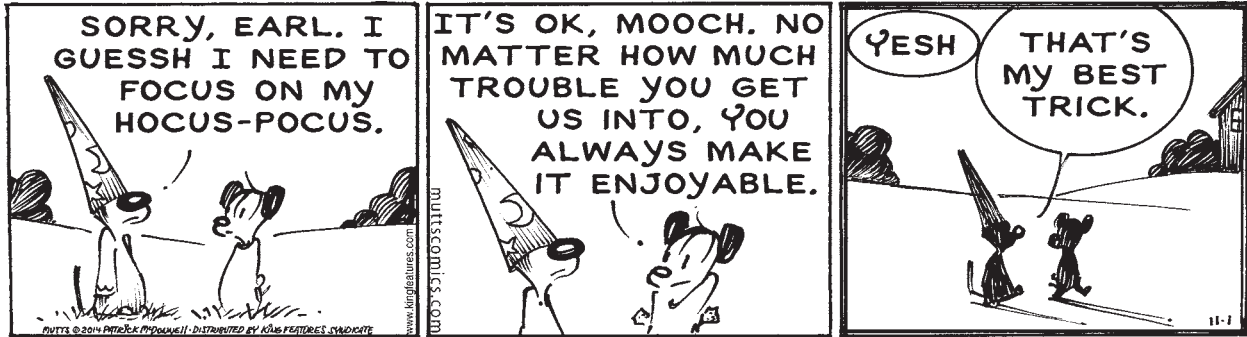
Sony stuck to its forecast for the year through March 2015 of a 230 billion yen (\$2.1 billion) loss.

Sony has lost money in six of the seven past years,

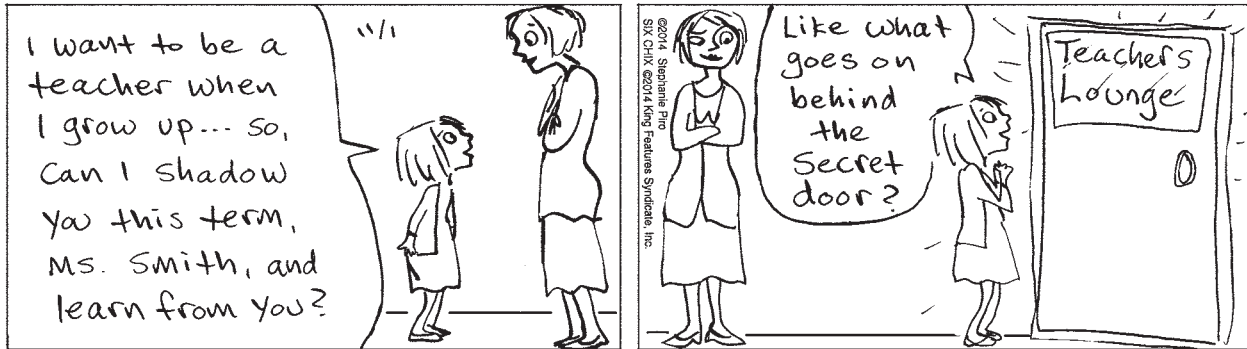
sprawling business empire recovers, another area usually falters.

Under an overhaul announced earlier this year, Sony sold its Vaio computer business and is splitting off its TV division to run as a wholly-owned subsidiary. Sony's TV division has lost money for 10 years straight. That's a stunning reversal of fortune for the inventors of the 1979 Walkman portable player, which once symbolized the power of Japanese industry to innovate. □

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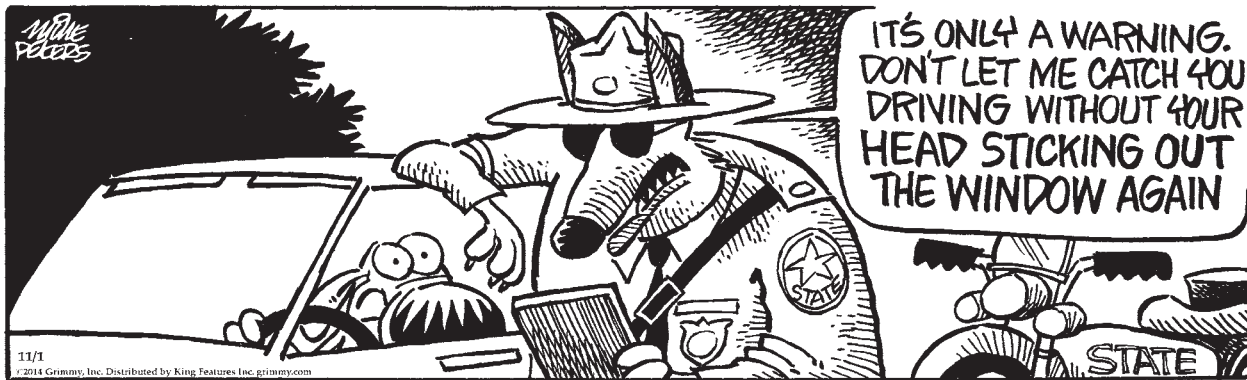
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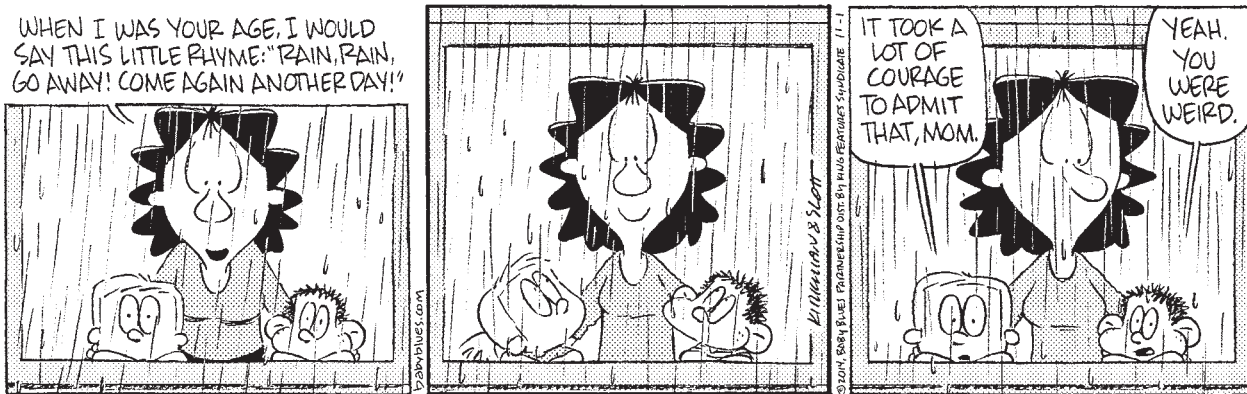
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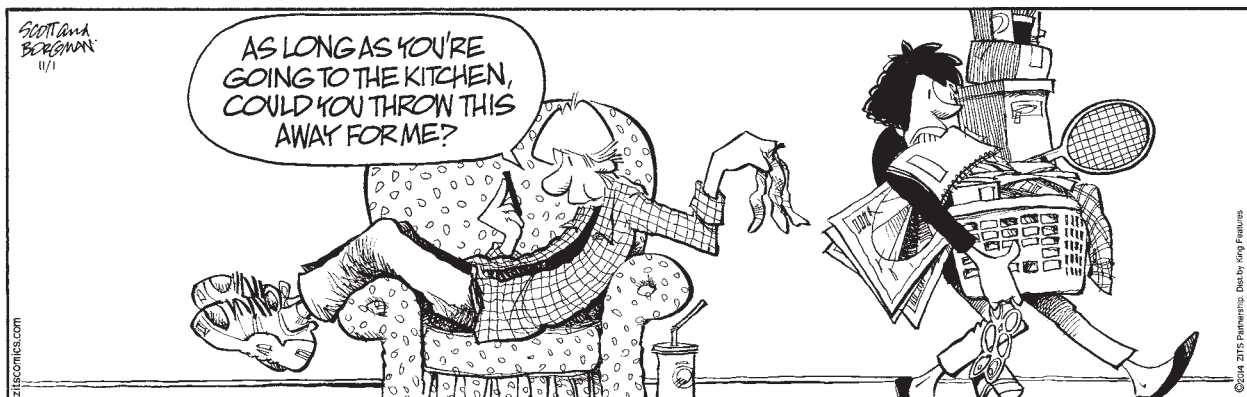
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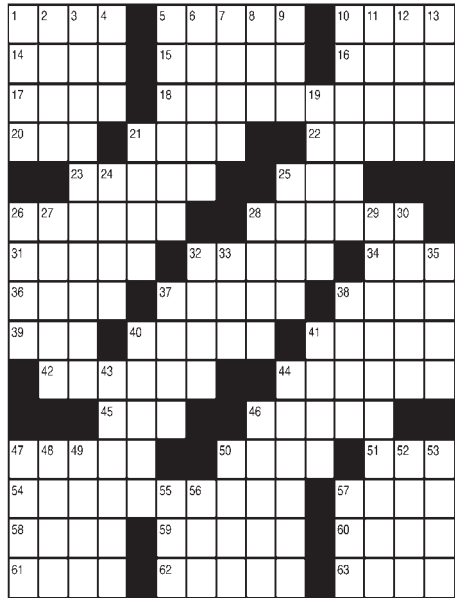
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

3	7	9	5	6	4	1	8	2
1	8	4	2	9	7	6	3	5
6	5	2	1	8	3	4	9	7
7	4	8	9	3	5	2	6	1
9	3	6	7	1	2	8	5	4
5	2	1	6	4	8	3	7	9
4	6	7	3	2	9	5	1	8
2	9	3	8	5	1	7	4	6
8	1	5	4	7	6	9	2	3

ACROSS

- Black ___ peas
- Runs competitively
- "Take ___ leave it"
- Bird of peace
- Wear away
- Zero
- Got larger
- Insincere words of support
- Japan's dollar
- Feel the loss of
- Felt sick
- Lift and throw with effort
- Deep hole
- Few and far between
- Hemingway or Borgnine
- Hunger ___; empty stomach pains
- Hay bundles
- Wheel center
- Disassemble
- Like a sleazeball
- Lion's neck hair
- Ike's monogram
- Sightseeing trips
- Actor ___ Farr
- Counsel; words of guidance
- Choose
- Antlered animal
- Bookcase level
- Worship
- Night twinkler
- Fuss & bother
- Lawmaker
- Frosted
- TV's "My Name Is ___"
- Nimble
- Have to have
- Writer Zane ___
- Punctures
- ___ up; tallies



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

SLURP	ABED	CAST
CAPER	GRAY	ACHY
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ACCEPT	SPOIL	
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DOWN

- Nervous
- Days of ___; olden times

- Fair; impartial
- Morning grass blade moisture
- Play over in one's mind
- Ascend
- Policemen
- Begley & Koch
- "___ no evil, hear no evil..."
- Ask to a party
- Work hard
- ___ more; again
- Rex or Donna
- Downpours
- Tumor
- Therefore
- ___ on; victimize
- Tater
- Chinese bear
- Lawn trees
- Embarrassed
- Ancient Roman garment
- Azure or indigo
- Lung contents
- Edible root
- Punch

- Row of shops
- Flooring pieces
- ___ at; deride
- Truly
- Gives a portion away
- Shoplifted
- Costs an arm and ___
- Precious
- Villain
- Mix in a bowl
- Owner's paper
- Likelihood
- Remain behind
- In the past
- Once ___ blue moon; rarely

Social Advice from Philip Galanes

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Out \$100 and a Pal:

I stayed recently with an old friend from college. Her sister and nephew (in his 20s) were also there. I left my wallet on the counter for a few hours, and when I retrieved it, my cash was gone. I was pretty sure the nephew had taken it. (He was caught shoplifting in the past.) But I was jet-lagged and may not have kept track of my money. I tried not to jump to conclusions, but I told my friend my suspicions the next day. The nephew denied it, and I fear I have forever damaged my friendship. Should I have kept quiet?
-N.C., Boston

If I had a nickel for every time I had more (or less) cash in my wallet than expected, I would have - well, very few nickels. Because sadly, my "Sixth Sense" is not speaking with the dead (like long-lost Haley Joel Osment), but keeping tabs on my Benjamins. Most people do not share this skill. Only witness the bewildered faces at the opening of wallets. Is it possible you are like those folk? Still, I applaud your impulse not to jump to conclusions. But really, you only waited 24 hours before jumping. You still had no proof for your accusation when you spoke.

The next time you are sure something is missing (and even factoring in your jet lag, you seem pretty sure to me), limit yourself to the facts. Say: "There was \$100 in my wallet this morning, and now I can't find it. Did you see it lying around?" Avoid naming suspects or dredging up history. Practically every adolescent in America has shoplifted something. That doesn't mean the nephew did it this time.

Apologize to your friend and her nephew: "You were so kind to let me stay. I'm sorry I spoke out of turn. Can we blame it on my jet lag?" This may seem unfair (what with your looted wallet and all), but think of it as penance for not handling the situation sensitively. Or think of the stolen cash as a

down payment on a (much larger) hotel bill. But the important thing, as you well know, is patching up the rift with your old friend.

A Reluctant Suitor:

I have been going out with this girl for about a month at school. She's very artsy-fartsy, and we have nothing in common. But every time I go on a date determined to break up with her, we have an awesome time. I'm confused. Any advice?
-Brad, New Haven, Connecticut

Two words of magnificent advice for you: Leonard Cohen. Download his song "Suzanne" immediately: "And just when you mean to tell her that you have no love to give her, then she gets you on her wavelength, and she lets the river answer that you've always been her lover." (Very artsy-fartsy, no?) Mysteries surround us, Brad, and none greater than whom we spark to and why. Hang in for a while longer. If you continue having an "awesome time" together and learn to see the world differently, that may, indeed, feel confusing - and be just what you need.

No Substitutions, Please:

Our daughter had a best friend in elementary school, and we became friendly with her parents. The girls drifted, but we remain close. Now their daughter is getting married. My husband and I are invited to the wedding, but our daughter is not. (We understand.) But my husband will be out of town that day, and our daughter will be visiting. May I ask if my daughter can attend in my husband's place?
-Anonymous

Don't do it. Think of other people's wedding plans as the white taffeta version of the French film "The 400 Blows": Whom to exclude; how cheap to be with the flowers; and does the open bar need to be wide open? To us, subbing in your daughter for your husband is a no-brainer. But to

the bridal couple, having made several excruciating calls, your request may feel like the 401st blow. (And they may prefer someone else to fill your husband's space.) If you think you won't know other people or enjoy yourself on your own, simply decline the invitation. But avoid mixing and matching on invites.

Hotel Living:

My wife and I live in a rather nice hotel. (Don't ask.) It looks like we'll be here for at least another month. We prefer not to have our room cleaned daily, but the housekeepers refuse to leave enough toilet paper and coffee to allow them to come twice a week, which we would prefer. So, they come every day, and my wife insists we leave a full tip for them each time. But I want to tip less; the cleaning is unnecessary. Who is right?
-B.D.F., Chicago

Stop worrying about tipping and start speaking with the manager. "We would like our room cleaned on Tuesdays and Fridays only."

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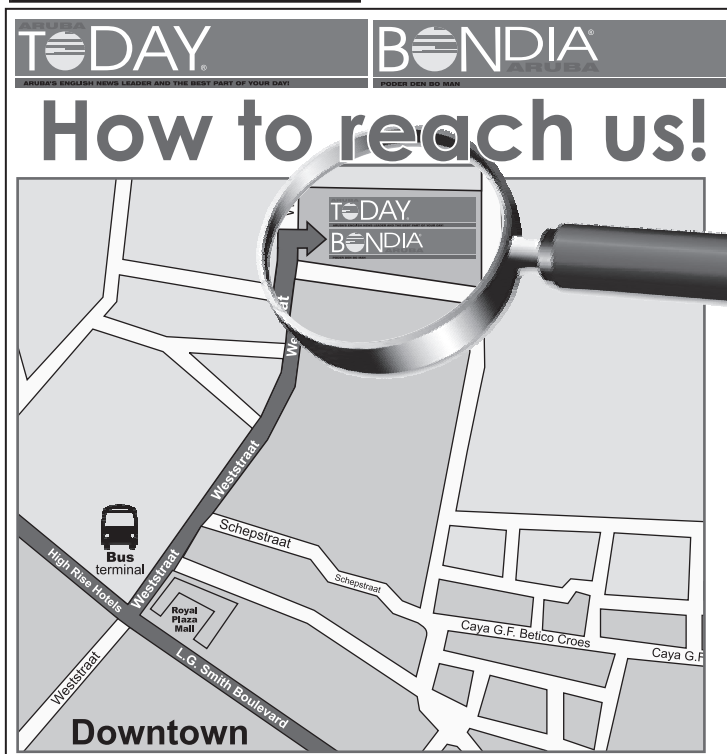
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Already in Europe:

Amphibian-devastating plague could spread to US

JAMES GORMAN

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An emerging infection similar to one that has caused the extinction of hundreds of frog and toad species around the world is killing salamanders in Europe and could easily spread to the United States, with disastrous effects, scientists reported Thursday.

Writing in the journal *Science*, an international team of 27 researchers blamed the spread of the disease on "globalization and a lack of biosecurity" and said the importation of the fire-bellied newt in the pet trade with Asia was the likely cause.

The lead researcher, An Martel of Ghent University in Belgium, said in an interview that Europe and the United States needed to start screening amphibians in the pet trade.

"When animals are traded,



An undated handout photo of a fire salamander that was infected by the fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*, which may have reached Europe through the pet trade from Asia. An emerging infection similar to one that has caused the extinction of hundreds of frog and toad species around the world is killing salamanders in Europe and could easily spread to the U.S., with disastrous effects. (Frank Pasmans/Ghent University via The New York Times)

they should be screened," Martel said. "It should involve the world."

Other scientists agreed. "We need to pay attention

to this paper," said Vance T. Vredenburg of San Francisco State University, one of the scientists who has sounded the alarm about

the extinction of hundreds of frog and toad species worldwide over the last four decades.

"We need to think about biosecurity not just in terms of humans and food that we eat and crops that we grow," he said. "We need to think about functioning ecosystems."

Vredenburg is a co-author of a 2008 paper that described the disappearance of frog species as a prime example of what some scientists call the sixth extinction, a mass death of species going on now caused by humans.

In the frog disappearances, the culprit, a fungus called *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, was not identified until decades after the extinctions had begun. Where it originated is still not known.

The effects of that fungus, Vredenburg said, represent "the worst case in recorded history of a single pathogen affecting vertebrates," causing an "extinction rate 40,000 times higher than in the last 350 million years for amphibians." The fungus killing salamanders and newts, *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*, is in the same genus, and it also kills animals by infecting the skin. But this time, Vredenburg said: "We found it early enough to have a chance. The Ti-

tanic knows there's an iceberg out there."

The United States, as yet untouched by the infection, has the greatest biodiversity of salamanders in the world, and many of its species are already threatened or endangered.

The animals are seldom noticed but are an integral part of forest and aquatic ecosystems, as predators and prey.

A recent study suggested that their decline could affect climate change because the proliferation of some of the creatures they eat could cause a greater release of carbon into the atmosphere.

Martel and other scientists first identified the fungus a year ago, and described its role in the deaths of fire salamanders in Europe. In the new paper, they investigated its origin and presence around the world and the susceptibility of different species to it.

In the lab, the researchers infected 44 species of salamanders and newts (salamanders live on land, newts in water). Forty-one, they wrote, "rapidly died." It did not affect frogs and toads.

Several Asian species were resistant, and molecular biology studies of DNA suggested that there may be a reservoir of the fungus in Asian newts popular in the aquarium trade.

The study found evidence of the fungus in amphibians in Vietnam, Thailand and Japan, where the animals were not affected, and in the Netherlands and Belgium, where it killed numerous populations. Martel identified the shipping of live newts for the aquarium trade as the way the fungus spread.

James Collins, at Arizona State University, who has studied the spread of fungal disease in frogs, said that further study was needed to prove that the pet trade was the culprit in the disease's spread because it was possible that the fungus was wind-borne, or spread by migrating birds. □

Study:

Genes influence Ebola infections in mice

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Some people exposed to the Ebola virus quickly sicken and die. Others become gravely ill but recover, while still others only react mildly or are thought to be resistant to the virus. Now researchers working with mice have found that these laboratory animals, too, can have a range of responses to Ebola, and that in mice, the responses are determined by differences in genes.

This is the first time that scientists have been able to breed mice that developed Ebola infections resembling those in humans complete

with some puzzling features seen in people.

About two-thirds of people who die from Ebola never develop the terrifying hemorrhages that appear in others a day or two before death, in which eyes turn fiery red, gums bleed, red dots emerge on the skin as blood seeps out of capillaries, and blood appears in vomit and diarrhea. Many mice, too, die of Ebola without hemorrhages.

The mouse studies indicate the animals that hemorrhage and - by implication, humans - die because their immune systems overreact to the virus. The result is an inflammatory response

that makes cells leak fluids and white blood cells, and makes tissues and organs deteriorate. Many die at that point. In those mice - or humans - that survive long enough, the researchers propose, blood eventually starts to seep out of vessels. Although the investigators have not yet pinned down the exact genetic reasons why mice vary so much in their responses to the Ebola virus, they have identified two genes that seem to be crucial in determining if a mouse will die or whether the infected mouse will even become ill.

The study, published online Thursday by the journal *Science*, is "a significant advance," said Dr. James Musser, director of the Center for Molecular and Translational Human Infectious Diseases Research at Houston Methodist Research Institute. The work, by Angela L. Rasmussen and Michael G. Katze of the University of Washington and their colleagues, began three years ago, long before the current Ebola epidemic. □



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Downey, Watson, Dench honored by British Academy

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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)

— There was a bit of a British invasion at the Beverly Hills Hilton hotel, as BAFTA Los Angeles hosted its annual Britannia Awards, honoring film and television talent from both sides of the pond, including director Mike Leigh and actors Dame Judi Dench, Emma Watson, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Robert Downey Jr.

But most of the attendees this week were Brits — no surprise, given the party was thrown by the L.A. branch of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

Downey received the Stanley Kubrick Award for Excellence in Film, named after the legendary director of such films as “2001: A Space Odyssey” “(The award) means a heck of a lot to me,” said Downey. “I love British filmmakers, and they have such a great talent pool.”

Oscar-winning actress Dench was honored with Albert R. (“Cubby”) Broccoli Award for

Worldwide Contribution in Entertainment, named after one of the original producers of the James Bond films.

Noted Dench, “Well, I’m

at all. I never knew Cubby Broccoli, although I know, of course, (Albert’s daughter) Barbara Broccoli and (Barbara’s half-brother and Bond-

has been just wonderful. So, I’m very, very proud that I shall have something that is named after Cubby.”

Dench and fellow honoree

Watson, named Britannia British Artist of the Year, said Dench is “just all soul and all grace and strength and beauty, and she really, for me, she’s an iconic British actor. She’s what you aspire to be.”

The 79-year-old Dench is currently on a box-office roll, with her 2012 releases “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” and “Skyfall” and her Oscar-nominated 2013 “Philomena” all boasting worldwide grosses of more than \$100 million each. Dench’s next film is the sequel “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel,” hitting cinemas in February.

Dench said, “People like to say, ‘When are you retiring?’ Or ‘When are you going to slow down?’ That’s all very rude in my family. We don’t say any of that. I think if I stop, it’ll be like a car: I shall run out of petrol and fall over. So, I plan not to that, if possible.”

The BAFTA Los Angeles Jaguar Britannia Awards are set to air on BBC America 2 November. □



Jamie Foxx, from left, Robert Downey Jr. and Jon Favreau attend the BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. (Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)

rather overwhelmed by (the award), because I didn’t ever expect to have a film career

series producer) Michael Wilson very well. And I’ve had 17 years of doing Bond, which

Watson posed together for photographers on the arrivals line.

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Review:

'Goodbye to Language' has no inhibitions

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Jean-Luc Godard, who will soon celebrate his 84th birthday, holds a special place in the pantheon of modern cinema. He is an imp who is venerated as a deity, a Rorschach test, a lightning rod, a fighting word. His name seems to divide the world into skeptics and worshippers, with not much middle ground. Analogous figures can be found in other zones of 20th-century art: Andy Warhol, Bob Dylan, Ezra Pound. They have their singularity in common. They also tend to confound easy distinctions between genius and trickery, and to marshal armies of exegetes in what may be the futile enterprise of figuring out what they mean. Godard has a habit of blending gravity with whimsy. His latest film, a 70-minute 3-D visual essay called "Goodbye to Language" ("Adieu au Langage"), exhibits the formal and philosophical mischief that has

the filmmaker's recurrent preoccupations. These include the nightmares of the European, with special attention to imperialism and the Holocaust; the alienation of human emotion under capitalism; and the contradictory nature of cinema itself as both the repository and the destroyer of memory. "Goodbye to Language" is divided into chapters with the headings "Nature" and "Metaphor," suggesting the basic division, fundamental to human thought, between the world we encounter and the names we assign to its phenomena.

In the 1960s, as Godard ascended to international culture-hero status, one of his most eloquent English-language champions was Susan Sontag. Nearly 50 years later, he may be returning the favor by making movies that uphold the arguments of her great essay "Against Interpretation," which protested culture and criticism's tireless and

that format's latent aesthetic potency. He accomplishes something similar with 3-D in "Goodbye to Language." There are none of the usual special effects to be seen here: Godard has no interest in capturing the magic of flight or making monsters seem real. Instead, the everyday world is made vivid and strange, rendered in a series of sketches and compositions by an artist with an eccentric and unerring eye.

He is delighted by paradoxes of flatness and depth, for example, the way the flat surface of a television showing an old-fashioned two-dimensional movie changes the volume of a room. He also, just for fun, superimposes one person on another, creating a jarring hallucination. At another point, he films a naked woman holding a platter on which a pitcher and a bowl of fruit have been arranged, combining two major genres of painting (the nude and the still life)



This photo provided by Kino Lorber Inc. shows Zoe Bruneau in a scene from the 3D film, "Goodbye to Language," directed by Jean-Luc Godard. (AP Photo/Kino Lorber Inc.)

been his late-career calling card. It is baffling and beautiful, a flurry of musical and literary snippets arrayed in counterpoint to a series of brilliantly colored and hauntingly evocative pictures - of flowers, boats, streets, naked bodies and Godard's own dog, a mixed-breed scene-stealer identified in the credits as Roxy Mievile.

There is also the suggestion of a plot, or rather a gesture in the direction of a weave of narratives involving political intrigue and adultery and touching on some of

tiresome hunt for meaning. "In place of a hermeneutics we need an erotics of art," she concluded, and "Goodbye to Language" rewards just such an approach. If you try, especially on a first viewing, to crack its code or plumb its depths, you are likely to pass a frustrated hour and 10 minutes. But if you surrender, you might have a good time. The earth might even move.

Godard's embrace of digital video - most notably in his 2001 film, "In Praise of Love" - helped to reveal

into a moment of naturalistic surrealism.

It's not all about pleasure, though. Much of the film is spent with a couple in a state of casual undress and post-coital ennui. She speaks in philosophical riddles and proverbs, the sources of which can be inferred from the cryptic bibliography that appears, along with a list of composers, in the end credits. He sits on the toilet, defecating loudly and opining that this action represents the only true form of human equality. □

Station Eleven: Okay, now it's time to panic



The cover of "Station Eleven," by Emily St. John Mandel and published by Knopf in New York. Mandel's novel, her fourth, envisions a world in which a strain of flu from the Republic of Georgia wipes out most of civilization. (Patricia Wall/The New York Times)

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Happy Halloween from the National Book Foundation, which has chosen Emily St. John Mandel's "Station Eleven" as one of its nominees for the 2014 National Book Award in fiction. Mandel has a very timely idea of what is frightening. She envisions a strain of flu that originates in the Republic of Georgia and has the capacity to wipe out the population of Earth. Most of this novel unfolds after the Georgia flu has very nearly done that.

"Station Eleven" gets off to a spine-tingling start. A Shakespearean troupe in Toronto is performing "King Lear" when the leading man, a onetime matinee idol named Arthur Leander, starts behaving strangely. He confuses his lines. He seems not to know what scene he's in. His voice turns wheezy. In almost no time, he collapses and dies.

There is an uneasy post-mortem gathering at the bar in the lobby, where those who have not fled the theater in terror stick around to discuss the tabloid history of Arthur's marriages and divorces. And then Mandel lowers the boom, wrapping up what is truly a killer prologue. "Of all of them at the bar

that night, the bartender was the one who survived the longest. He died three weeks later on the road out of the city."

That road is not the usual dusty, corpse-littered path through apocalypse country. Mandel's vision of a plague-devastated world is a lot less grim than most. It is not "like those disaster movies," even though the book invokes them in all their hokey glory: "This silent landscape. Snow and stopped cars with terrible things in them. Stepping over corpses. ... The road was all travelers walking with shellshocked expressions, children wearing blankets over their coats, people getting killed for the contents of their backpacks, hungry dogs." It's clearly the ambition of "Station Eleven" to leave this schlock to the hacks who produce it. But it's less clear what Mandel wants to do instead.

"Station Eleven" does a lot of time-shuffling, so that only part of it is set in the dismal future. A lot of Arthur's movie-star life is recapitulated, particularly his romance with Miranda, a talented artist who seems to write unusually good comic books. By a roll of the dice, Station Eleven, a space outpost she invented, winds up being remembered 15 years after civilized life has come to an end.

Mandel gives the book some extra drama by positioning some of her characters near the brink of self-discovery as disaster approaches. The plague hits so fast that it takes them all by surprise. But a couple of those in Arthur's set have just begun to look at themselves differently and make life-altering changes in their professional and personal lives. Thus Mandel is able to tap into the poignancy of lives cut short at a terrible time - or, in one case, of a life that goes on long after wrongs could be righted. □

Political Crystal Ball



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By now, I'm sure you're asking yourself: If the Republicans take control of the Senate in next week's elections, what would it mean to me?

Excellent question!

"We'll get things done, and it means a stop to the Obama agenda," said the embattled Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. Did you notice that "get things done" is immediately followed by "stop?" What do you think that means?

Well, we know that if the Republicans win the majority, all Senate committees would have Republican chairs. The Energy Committee, for instance, might be run by Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, a moderate who is in the pocket of oil and gas lobbies. This would be a dramatic change from the current situation in which the Energy Committee is run by Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, a moderate who is in the pocket of oil and gas lobbies.

On a far more exciting note, the Environment Committee could wind up being led by James Inhofe, the author of "The Greatest Hoax: How the Global Warming Conspiracy Threatens Your Future."

Under the Republicans, the Senate would be an extremely open body, in which the minority party would be permitted - nay, welcomed - to submit clever amendments designed to make the majority take difficult or embarrassing votes that could be used against them in the next election. The minority leader, Mitch McConnell, has complained about the Democrats' heavy-handedness on this for years and will undoubtedly be eager to change things if he gets in control.

And what about substance? Republican voters would have every reason to expect that the first item on McConnell's agenda would be repeal of Obamacare. But many Republican senators have positions on the Affordable Care Act that are nuanced in the extreme. Get rid of the program but keep the part about people with pre-existing conditions. Or the bit that lets young adults stay on their parents' policies. McConnell himself has said that he wants to let his home state of Kentucky keep its extremely popular version of the program, which is known as Kynect. ("The website can continue, but in my view the best in-

terests of the country would be achieved by pulling out Obamacare root and branch.") We look forward to seeing that legislation.

Cynical minds might presume that, with a Republican majority, the Senate would simply continue in its current state of dysfunction, working diligently on an agenda (defund Planned Parenthood, strangle the Environmental Protection Agency in its crib) that will die for lack of 60 votes. Democrats, meanwhile, would fall back in love with the filibuster.

Or maybe not. Some people believe that the Republicans would be eager to prove that they really, actually, genuinely can get things done and would work with the White House on matters of common interest, like tax reform.

"Tax reform" would probably mean lowering some rates and making up for the lost revenue by closing tax loopholes elsewhere. The House Ways and Means Committee did some work on that recently, and the committee chairman actually unveiled a plan. Then John Boehner made fun of him. The plan never came up for a vote. The chairman is retiring. There are a few matters in which a Republican Senate majority would make a critical difference. One is the budget. This is stupendously important, but since we may have to spend the next two years discussing fiscal cliffs and the rules of reconciliation, it doesn't seem fair to make us start early.

Also, there's the matter of presidential nominations.

"Two words: Supreme Court," said Chuck Schumer, the third-ranking Senate Democrat. "If they have the majority, they have far more say over who's the nominee."

That could have an impact for decades to come. However, it presupposes that there will be a Supreme Court vacancy. On the plus side, the next two years will be a boom time for prayers for the good health of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Presuming the current justices continue in good form, the Republicans could still block other presidential nominations and we would have to get used to government by acting-heads-of. But that's already pretty close to the norm. One Republican representative recently denounced President Barack Obama for creating an Ebola czar instead of giving the job to the surgeon general, apparently unaware that we have had no surgeon general for more than a year, thanks to the National Rifle Association's opposition to the administration's nominee for the job.

Tracked down by The Huffington Post, Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah claimed he really did know the surgeon general's post was vacant, and that anybody from the office could still do the Ebola job. "I know there's some confusion there, but I don't think I was confused," he said stoutly.

See, Chaffetz is perfectly willing to live with an acting surgeon general. And maybe someone could talk Eric Holder into hanging around for a while longer. □



Why America's Partyism Is Wrong



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A college student came to me recently with a quandary. He'd spent the summer interning at a conservative think tank. Now he was applying to schools and companies where most people were liberal. Should he remove the internship from his résumé? I advised him not to. Even if people disagreed with his politics, I argued, they'd still appreciate his public spiritedness. But now I'm thinking that advice was wrong. There's a lot more political discrimination than I thought. In fact, the best recent research suggests that there's more political discrimination than there is racial discrimination.

For example, political scientists Shanto Iyengar and Sean Westwood gave 1,000 people student résumés and asked them which students should get scholarships. The résumés had some racial cues (membership in African-American Students Association) and some political cues (member of Young Republicans).

Race influenced decisions. Blacks favored black students 73 percent to 27 percent, and whites favored black students slightly. But political cues were more powerful. Both Democrats and Republicans favored students who agreed with them 80 percent of the time. They favored students from their party even when other students had better credentials. Iyengar and Westwood conduct-

ed other experiments to measure what Cass Sunstein of Harvard Law School calls "partyism." They gave subjects implicit association tests, which measure whether people associate different qualities with positive or negative emotions. They had people play the trust game, which measures how much people are willing to trust different kinds of people.

In those situations, they found pervasive prejudice. And political biases were stronger than their racial biases.

In a Bloomberg View column last month, Sunstein pointed to polling data that captured the same phenomenon. In 1960, roughly 5 percent of Republicans and Democrats said they'd be "displeased" if their child married someone from the other party. By 2010, 49 percent of Republicans and 33 percent of Democrats said they would mind.

Politics is obviously a passionate activity, in which moral values clash. Debates over Obamacare, charter schools or whether the U.S. should intervene in Syria stir serious disagreement. But these studies are measuring something different. People's essential worth is being measured by a political label: whether they should be hired, married, trusted or discriminated against.

The broad social phenomenon is that as personal life is being demoralized, political life is being hyper-moralized. People are less judgmental about different lifestyles, but they are more judgmental about policy labels.

The features of the hyper-moralized mindset are all around. More people are building their communal and social identities around political labels. Your political label becomes the prerequisite for membership in your social set.

Politics becomes a marker for basic decency. Those who are not members of the right party are deemed to lack basic compassion, or basic loyalty to country.

Finally, political issues are no longer just about themselves; they are symbols of worth and dignity.

When many rural people defend gun rights, they're defending the dignity and respect of rural values against urban snobbery.

There are several reasons politics has become hyper-moralized in this way. First, straight moral discussion has atrophied. There used to be public theologians and philosophers who discussed moral issues directly. That kind of public intellectual is no longer prominent, so moral discussion is now done under the guise of policy disagreement, often by political talk-show hosts.

Second, highly educated people are more likely to define themselves by what they believe than by their family religion, ethnic identity or region.

Third, political campaigns and media provocateurs build loyalty by spreading the message that electoral disputes are not about whether the top tax rate will be 36 percent or 39 percent, but are about the existential fabric of life itself. The problem is that hyper-moralization destroys politics. Most of the time, politics is a battle between competing interests or an attempt to balance partial truths. But in this fervent state, it turns into a Manichaean struggle of light and darkness. To compromise is to betray your very identity. When schools, community groups and workplaces get defined by political membership, when speakers get disinvited from campus because they are beyond the pale, then every community gets dumber because they can't reap the benefits of diverging viewpoints and competing thought.

This mentality also ruins human interaction. There is a tremendous variety of human beings within each political party. To judge human beings on political labels is to deny and ignore what is most important about them. It is to profoundly devalue them. That is the core sin of prejudice, whether it is racism or partyism.

The personal is not political. If you're judging a potential daughter-in-law on political grounds, your values are out of whack. □

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